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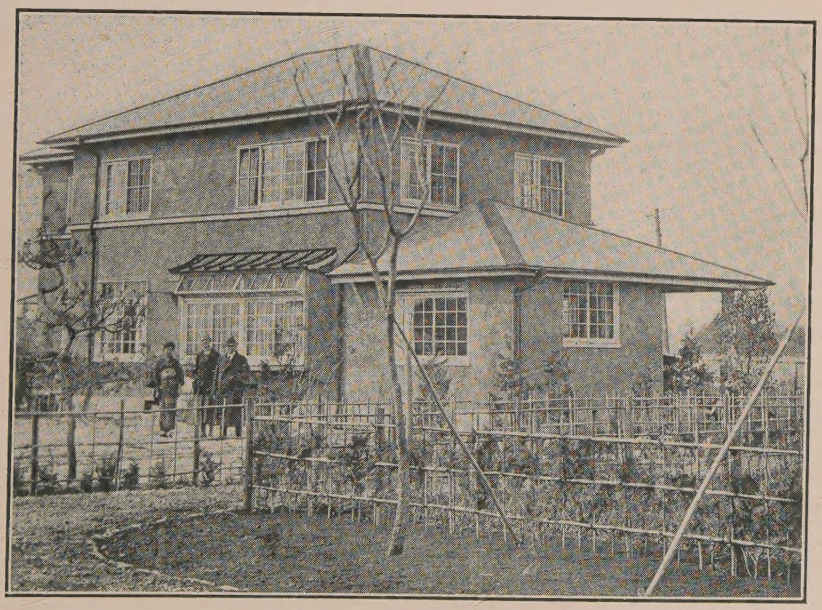

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THE GROWING LEAGUE and the GROWING CHURCH depend on INVESTED PERSONALITY. The argument for membership may be perfectly LOGICAL and at the same time perfectly COLD. Christianity is a REASONABLE RELIGION but VASTLY FEW are REASONED INTO THE CHURCH. Offer FRIENDSHIP in the name of YOUR LEAGUE and your appeal will be IRRESISTIBLE.

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WAS IT YOU?

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So somebody has been responsible for the fact that New York and Pennsylvania have turned in 229 memberships. Was it you? If it was, you are to be thanked for making it barely possible to "break even" the first six months in our National League Finances. But we must hear from the rest of the State and Synodical Leagues and hear in no uncertain tones or the record of the next six months will be black. The facts have been clearly presented to everybody who would read. The minimum requirement for the next six months will be $5,000 by the S. M. When the whole sum has come into the treasury the credit will be due the folks who made it their business in life to push the S. M. in their Local, in their District and in their State or Synodical League. *Will it be you?*

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Life Service Department

"Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?"

YOUTHOGRAMS.

We have written in these columns concerning some of the decisions made by the one-thousand or more young people gathered in conference in Birmingham during the month of April. It is especially fitting that we give some serious thought to the fact that "We can not be good churchmen and bad citizens. Nor can we ever be good citizens and bad churchmen," during the celebration of our one-hundred and fiftieth birthday. Youth has always played the most important part in the history of our great nation and no doubt will continue to do so, hence the concrete thoughts of so representative a body as the Birmingham group should not be passed by lightly. On the subject of Nations the following resolutions were adopted.

1. What is Christian Citizenship? (a) Being a Christian Citizen is going the second mile. (b) Upholding law and order. (c) We feel that in international relations, a nation should have the same high standards as a Christian individual in dealing with different nations. (e) We place international patriotism above national patriotism. (f) We believe that a nation's ideals should be judged by its actions rather than by ways and means of enforcement. (g) We should treat citizens of other nations as brothers.

2. What makes a nation truly great? (a) Christianity. (b) Fairness. (c) National resources. (d) Good will. (e) World outlook. (f) Strong character. (g) The younger generation. (h) Strong leaders. (i) Traditions. (j) Responsibile government. (k) Higher forms of education.

3. War is not Christian because of the cost in men, money and natural resources. (a) In the opinion of the Conference war is unchristian. (b) We wish to join the other Youth Conferences of our country in most emphatically denouncing the R. O. T. C. and Citizen's Training Camps as un-American, non-international and un-christian. We deplore the military jingoism being propagandized in our country. (This above resolution failed to pass by a very small margin and no doubt would have passed by a very large majority had the wording been a bit more less drastic. It however expressed the sentiment of the Young People in Conference.)

(c) We go on record as approving the steps already taken and urge further steps by educators to eliminate militarism from textbooks.

Do You Agree?

Resolutions on the Church.

1. The Church and young people should be vital factors in building a world Christian Citizenship.

2. Denominational and racial differences have been hindrances in the past; we should seek agreements rather than differences with these groups so as to reach an ideal Christian world brotherhood.

3. We need more sympathetic and adequate leadership.

4. The Church should devote more time to practical Christian living.

5. The Church should encourage entrance into the political arena and clean up politics, but not as a church.

6. Sincere personal evangelism should be encouraged by the Church as a whole and that personal practice should be encouraged.

7. The Church is blind to vital, practical problems. Some of the above questions and resolutions would be excellent subjects for Leaguers to discuss at Conferences and probably at League meetings. At least they have some challenging Life Service thoughts for us to think about during August and then some.

Think These Through

Youth is all right with the right leadership.

Humanity has struck its tents and is on the march. Civilization has broken camp.

There are times in history when the world spins so easily that it seems hardly to move.

If we do not learn from the past we perish and our gift to posterity is a tangled skein.

Old men make wars; Young men fight wars; the cradle pays for wars.

Thus Speaketh Christ Our Lord to Us

Ye call me Master, and obey me not;
Ye call me Light, and see me not;
Ye call me Way, and walk me not;
Ye call me Life, and desire me not;
Ye call me Wise, and follow me not;
Ye call me Fair, and love me not;
Ye call me Rich, and ask me not;
Ye call me Eternal, and seek me not;
Ye call me Gracious, and trust me not;
Ye call me Noble, and serve me not;
Ye call me Mighty, and honor me not;
Ye call me Just, and fear me not;
If I condemn you, blame me not.

Our Purpose

It may be well to fix in mind a bit more thoroughly the purpose of this Department. Get down the December, 1923, and the January and February, 1924, issues of the REVIEW, there you will find probably just what you want to know.

Bill and John Express Themselves

We have been asking for expressions as to the best time of the year for the holding of Life Service Day. Some opinions have been published previously. Here we permit our friends and loyal workers, Wm. Elliott from Ohio and John L. R. Schiding from York, Pa., to speak for themselves.

Bill says, "I believe this shield a great idea and I like it, especially for Districts and this shield should be taken to all group gatherings of said District. It should be an incentive to have the roll grow and that each League would aim to have a name inscribed on it, but of course not to stop with one.

"I feel that February is too late or early for an ideal time. Weather is too uncertain around here for groups to plan meetings. I like October and November when Leagues are getting pepped up for work. Spring time is a busy time. School tests and convention times come then."

John says, "As I have been working in our York District League for about ten years, I feel that the Fall of the year, September and October, is the best time to have Life Service Day. Just a few reasons why. 1. In the Fall the Sunday Schools, Leagues and Churches are having rallies and are getting back to work after the Summer months and have a mind to work. At that time the attendance is good. 2. It is the beginning of the School term, its the last year for those who are to graduate in the Spring and many decide in the last year the work they are going to take up. So with Life Service Day, then it may be that our young people may hear the appeal and the seed sown then may bear fruit as God has said it would. 3. The weather is fine and the roads are good. It's the time of the year when you just feel like getting down to real work and keep-a-going. So I feel that the last Sunday in September or near then would be the best time. I like the idea of having the Day of Prayer for Colleges combined with the Life Service Day for the Pastors are called on for so many different Days, as Mothers', Children's, etc., etc., that they have hardly any Days left and I feel that that would be an ideal time for united and ardent prayer—the beginning of the school term."

We are glad for these expressions. So far we are equally divided. The men seem to desire the Fall of the year and the young women the Springtime and Dr. Bauslin in a recent interview says he has racked his brain to the limit and can see no better time than the last Sunday of February, so there we stand. Well there will be such a Day, so plan now for that Study Class. In the meanwhile let's pray the prayer Margaret Sangster had in the June 19th issue of the *Christian Herald* under the splendid article "Graduation."

God grant these graduates may go
Across the world with tireless tread;
Until at last, they come to know
That by Your grace they have been led.

God, grant that when their troubles come,
They dare to smile, and walk along;
That they will bravely try to hum
The cheering chorus of some song.

God, grant that when the shadows creep
Across the gold that day has lent—
Then, e'er they lay them down to sleep,
They will have learned—and are content.
Amen.

That's a HELP!

FAIR ENOUGH

Cockney motorists, riding near a farm orchard, stopped the car, got out, climbed the wall, and gathered half a peck of apples.

To complete the "joke" they slowed down as they went by the farmhouse, and called out to the owner: "We helped ourselves to your apples. Thought we'd tell you."

"Oh, that's all right," the farmer called back. "I helped myself to your tools while you were in the orchard."—*Tit-Bits (London).*

A SCHOOL BOY'S STORY OF ELIJAH

"There was a man named Elijah. He had some bears and he lived in a cave. Some boys tormented him. He said: 'If you keep on throwing stones at me, I'll turn the bears on you and they'll eat you up.' And they did and he did and the bears did."

A CLEVER MAN

"Why don't you work? Hard work never killed any one." "You are wrong lady. I lost both of my wives in that way."—*Sydney Bulletin.*

NOT FUNNY TO HUSBANDS

"Hubby, I saved ten dollars today."

"What did you buy?"—*University of Pittsburgh Panther.*

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THINK THIS THRU

Salesman: "Ever hear the joke about the antique dealer who had two skulls of Columbus—one when was a boy and the other when he was a man?"

Grocer: "No. What is it?"—*The Progressive Grocer.*

"I turned an ancient poet's book,
And found upon the page:
'Stone walls do not a prison make,
Nor iron bars a cage.'
Yes, that is true, and something more:
You'll find, where'er you roam,
That marble floors and gilded walls
Can never make a home.
But every house where Love abides
And Friendship is a guest,
Is surely home, and home, sweet home;
For there the heart can rest."

Missionary Department

"Come" and "Go"

A HINDU PROOF-READER

MRS. VICTOR McCAULEY

Mrs. McCauley, missionary to India, is spending her furlough at Salem, Virginia. Our Missionary Secretary asked her to supply the material for this department. She writes: "I am sending the enclosed, hoping it may be of some interest to the readers of THE REVIEW. It is true. Raghavaiah was one of our students last year. His conversion has been a great inspiration to me, and during his stay in our Normal Training School, of which I had charge, he was of such blessing to the students that I used to wish everybody might know about him."

About six years ago a young man named Raghavaiah was employed as proof-reader in the Mission Printing Press, in Guntur, India. Raghavaiah was an intelligent young man and did his work faithfully. He was a Hindu by religion and paid little heed to the quantities of Christian literature which he had to read daily. To him the page before him was always so much "copy" for the Press,—commas, periods, quotation marks and apostrophes to be inserted, letters to be properly divided, end lines to be evened and the whole article properly paragraphed. As for the *thought* of the material turned over to him and which piled his desk every morning, he did not give it much consideration. "These Christians have their religion and I have mine. Theirs is good for them; mine is good enough for me," he probably thought, if he thought about it at all.

Months passed and one day Raghavaiah stood by the desk of the missionary in charge of the Press, and said to him: "Sir, I have made up my mind to leave the Press. For months I have been thinking over this matter of religion, and I have come to the conclusion that I have been wrong all along in worshipping the blind idols which my father worshipped before me. I am of the opinion that there is only one true God Who cares for men, and that He has sent Jesus Christ to make Himself known to men. So I have decided to be baptized and to join the Bible Seminary next session and prepare myself for work for Jesus." Imagine the surprise and joy of the missionary as he listened to this young man's confession of his belief in Jesus, and saw in his face his newly-found happiness.

The following June Raghavaiah entered the Bible Seminary and spent two years there learning the Book which had hitherto been a mystery to him. After finishing his work in the Seminary he decided to take Normal Training and was enrolled as one of the students in the Training School. During the past two years he has been an inspiration and blessing to all the students in the school. Nothing is too much work for Raghavaiah to do for his school-mates. No house is too far away for him to visit, if some one there is ill and needing him. No student is too indifferent or irreligious for Raghavaiah to take a loving interest in him.

During the past year one of the students gave the teachers a great deal of trouble and was threatened with suspension. One night Raghavaiah came and pled for him: "Let me take him to my house to live with me. I will make myself responsible for his good behavior." His request was granted and that student not only gave us no further trouble in the school, but by the time the term was finished last March, he had become one of the most dependable boys in the class. Raghavaiah's influence over him was wholly for Christ.

During the Bible period every morning it was a pleasure to hear Raghavaiah's original and refreshing explanations of various passages. He read the Bible as a *living* Book, and it was full of "daily manna" to him.

Often he would speak to the missionary in charge of the school concerning the spiritual development of the students and took

a special interest in the life of the Hindu boys. He, with four other Christian students of similar mind, organized a little praying band, spending time on their knees for the salvation of their fellow-students.

One day the missionary asked Raghavaiah how he first became interested in Christianity—how he first had his thoughts turned to Christ. His reply was interesting: "I first became interested in Christ through reading the proof of the Sunday School Lesson Notes which Mr. Paul used to send to the Press." So real did Mr. Paul make Jesus to Raghavaiah that He became to him a Living Person. Today Raghavaiah goes about in India preaching the Gospel, a soul on fire with zeal for the souls of the people of his land. God grant that every Luther Leaguer may be so concerned about the souls of his own fellow-countrymen!

General Secretary's Letter

FRIENDLY LETTER NO. 8

(This is a personal letter to every Leaguer. Where possible it is to be read at an August Business Meeting.)

DEAR FAMILY:—

Convention days are thrilling days. Thrills are quite satisfactory reasons for holding conventions. A good convention must both instruct and inspire. Convention program committees should take both aims into consideration. A striking thing about our programs these days is the room left for both the mind and heart appeal.

Certainly the New York Convention was an inspiration. Long will I remember the opening night with twelve to fifteen hundred crowded into Zion Church, Niagara Falls. Dr. Zinck of Waterloo was the speaker and the message reflected the enthusiasm of the crowd. Visitors remarked the full Church for every session, full from the opening of the devotional service to adjournment. This in spite of the fact that Niagara offers unequalled temptations for sight-seeing.

Another treat was the Minnesota Convention held at Minneapolis. Attendance was not so large at the opening session. I was scheduled to preach and in anticipation of a dry sermon the weather man decreed a young cloud-burst. Minnesota is developing a splendid leadership and is doing things. They were the first State to oversubscribe their Andhra over-subscription goal.

Luther League homes are always happy homes. A Milwaukee convention romance resulted in my being entertained at dinner by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Peterson. Both were officers in the Minnesota League. Another pleasant dinner party was in the home of "Herb" Fischer at Omaha. By the way Omaha is the greatest city in America. The only second place it allows is in its stockyards. I did not go out to investigate them but they only claim they are second largest in the world. "Herb" is some booster and I believed everything he told me about his home town. I started to remark on the good time I had in his home. He is a bachelor (this is just a statement of fact not an advertisement) and lives with his parents. They entertained the entire Nebraska State Executive Committee at dinner. After meeting with the committee I understand why Nebraska is booming.

While speaking of Omaha I must tell you of the fine Sunday spent there. I spoke to crowds at three separate services in Kountz Memorial Church as guest of Dr. Baltzly and to the young league in South Omaha, Rev. Mr. Ebright, pastor. The West is certainly attractive. Horace Greely with his "Go west, young man" was nobody's fool.

Fremont, Nebraska, is the seat of Midland College. My first summer assembly for the season was held here and the week spent together with the leaders for the Nebraska Synod was a real privilege. The League is being discovered as a regular, not an elective, part of the Church's system of Religious Education. At Midland I saw for the first the charts of the wide awake western secretary of the Parish and Church School Board, Dr. Lewis. The League is charted along side the Sunday School, Week Day School, etc. After the Niagara Convention I spoke at three Institutes of Religious Education conducted by the Ohio Synod and in addition to my address these one day conferences included hours conducted by Dr. Roehner and by Secretary Satre of the Ohio League. The League is getting increasing recognition.

Midland has a great future under the leadership of President Martin. Its greatest need is not more students (they turn them away), but more cash. I could not think of a better investment for a man of wealth than a real lift for Midland. Wait till some of our Leaguers make their fortunes!

Our Literature Committee met with the Intermediate and Junior Committees on the 15th of June. Usually these meetings are

held in the fall but it is much better to lay out the 1927 program of Topics and Reading Courses earlier in the season. The work is nearly complete and by the October issue can be published.

My last June night was given to the young folks of a newly dedicated mission Church at Gerrettson Beach, Long Island. Rev. Mr. Wagner and his heroic band have put up a complete Church is less than two years since organization.

How little the East understands the West with its magnificant distances! How little the West understands the East with its suburban problem! The League with its national contacts will help contribute to a better understanding. Conventions are expensive but in this regard alone are worth the money.

The Omaha Hospice you have seen pictured on the cover page of a former issue of the REVIEW. It is now self-supporting and I had the pleasure of a night under its hospitable roof. The League of Nebraska has done a fine thing and our Leagues in other cities where many of our young Lutherans from surrounding towns are attracted for school and work, should undertake a hospice project.

I trust that this summer means in every Luther League life real growth in grace. The devil does no loafing, but he loves loafers. The summer conference is an ideal vacation. Any way I hope this August will find every Leaguer at Church some where every Sunday and remembering personal devotions every day.

Faithfully,

Amos John Traver

Educational Department

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR AUGUST

Aug. 1—Christ's Farewell Discourses.—John 14:25-31.
" 2—Christ's Farewell Discourses.—John 15:1-27.
" 3—Christ's Farewell Discourses.—John 16:1-24.
" 4—Christ's Farewell Discourse.—John 16:25-33.
" 5—The Intercessory Prayer.—John 17:2-12.
" 6—The Intercessory Prayer.—John 17:13-26.
" 7—The Agony in Gethsemane.—Matt. 26:36-41.
" 8—The Agony in Gethsemane.—Matt. 26:42-46.
" 9—The Betrayal and Arrest.—Matt. 26:37-56, Mark 14:51-52.
" 10—The Trial Before the Jewish Authorities.—John 18:12-18.
" 11—The Trial Before the Jewish Authorities.—John 18:19-24.
" 12—The Trial Before the Jewish Authorities.—Matt. 26:57-66.
" 13—The Trial Before the Jewish Authorities.—Matt. 26:67-75.
" 14—The Trial Before the Jewish Authorities.—Luke 22:66-71.
" 15—The Trial Before the Jewish Authorities.—Matt. 27:3-10.
" 16—The Trial Before Pilate.—John 18:28-32.
" 17—The Trial Before Pilate.—John 18:33-38.
" 18—The Trial Before Pilate.—Luke 23:4-7.
" 19—The Trial Before Pilate.—Luke 23:8-12.
" 20—The Trial Before Pilate.—Luke 23:13-18.
" 21—The Trial Before Pilate.—Matt. 27:15-26.
" 22—The Trial Before Pilate—Matt. 27:27-30.
" 23—The Trial Before Pilate.—John 19:4-9.
" 24—The Trial Before Pilate.—John 19:10-16.
" 25—The Crucifixion.—Luke 23:26-32.
" 26—The Crucifixion.—John 19:16-22.
" 27—The Crucifixion.—John 19:23-24.
" 28—The Crucifixion.—Luke 23:35-43.
" 29—The Crucifixion.—John 19:25-27.
" 30—The Crucifixion.—Matt. 27:45-50.
" 31.—The Crucifixion.—Matt. 27:51-56.

YOU SHOULD KNOW WHERE TO FIND—

The Lord's Prayer.—(Matthew 6.)
The Ten Commandments.—(Exodus 20.)
The Beatitudes.—(Matthew 5.)
Paul's Conversion.—(Acts 9.)
Christ's Great Prayer.—(John 17.)
The Prodigal Son.—(Luke 15.)
The Ten Virgins.—(Matthew 25.)
Parable of the Talents.—(Matthew 25.)
Abiding Chapter.—(John 15.)
Resurrection Chapter.—(I Cor. 15.)
Shepherd Chapter.—(John 10.)
Love Chapter.—(1 Cor. 13.)
Tongue Chapter.—(James 3.)
Armor Chapter.—(Ephesians 6.)
Travelers' Psalm.—(Psalm 121.)
Bible-study Psalm.—(Psalm 119.)
Greatest Verse.—(John 3:16.)
Great Invitation.—(Rev. 22:17; Isaiah 55:1.)
Rest Verse.—(Matthew 11:28.)
Consecration Verse.—(Romans 12:1.)
Workers' Verse.—2 Timothy 2:15.)
Another Workers' Verse.—(Psalm 126:6.)
Teachers' Verse.—(Daniel 12.3.)
The Great Commission.—(Mark 16:15.)
Christ's Last Command.—(Acts 1:8.)

—*Lutheran Standard.*

THOSE PIONEERS

St. Paul's League, of Detroit, Michigan, reports the following for the honor roll of God's Pioneers. Luther. Abraham, Moses, Peter, Adam,* Paul, Noah, John the Baptist, David and Daniel. The editor is always happy to hear of a specially successful meeting. It is also an encouragement to know when the material in the REVIEW and the Topics Booklet is serving your needs.

* No credit to Adam.

September 5, 1926

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

"Christian Ideals and How to Reach Them"

Phil. 3:12-14; 4:8, 9

To Leaders: This subject is offered in project form. Every problem is related to the particular difficulties of youth. Try to have frank, sincere discussions. What you want to discover is not only what is the right thing to do under each circumstance, but what actually would be done.

Debate: Resolved that Christian Ideals are workable in modern social and economic life.

Talk by high school boy and girl: What would happen to the boy (girl) who tries to live by Christian Ideals in my school?

Talk by some one in business or on farm: What would happen to the business man (farmer) who tries to live by Christian Ideals in this community?

TOPIC

Ideals or Ideal? We may speak about Christian Ideals but there is but one Ideal, Christ. The glory of Lutheranism is that it is centered in Christ. When we speak of honesty, purity, kindness, forgiveness, we visualize these virtues in Him. Dr. Sheldon chose a great title for his world famous book "In His Steps, or What Would Jesus Do?" One who would take this for his Ideal would need no other.

Unreachable? Frankly, yes! An ideal is not worth having that can be reached. It is characteristic of Christianity that we are always, with St. Paul, "pressing on toward the goal unto the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." To the brave soul this is not discouraging. We know of dear old saints whose shoulders are bowed with the weight of years still pressing on toward the goal of Christ-likeness. Such a life goal need never be revised.

THE IDEAL AND MY LIFE!

Problem 1. I am a school boy. We had an examination the other day. The boy who sat in the seat in front of me is a history shark and a good pal of mine. As fast as he wrote a page of answers he laid it over on the corner of his desk so I could easily read it. I did not intend to cheat but just a glance at one of his answers helped me with a whole question. I would have missed that one entirely without his help. I handed in my paper. What should I do? (Let the members discuss this, not theoretically but practically, with a clear understanding of what confession would mean. Each Leaguer should put himself into this boy's place.)

Problem 2. A fellow I know pretty well brought his book into an examination, hiding it under his sweater. I saw him refer to it several times. Should I do anything about it?

Problem 3. In buying a R.R. ticket I was given too much change. I said nothing about it because I ride on this R.R. often and the service is something awful. Did I do right?

Problem 4. I have a small business. It is growing but I have one bitter rival. He undersells me deliberately when I advertise a sale. I have learned through the salesman of a wholesale house that his credit is stretched to the limit. I have good standing with this house and by saying the word could have put him out of business. He has certainly been unfair to me. What should I do?

"A man *devout* once kept a store
And, not contented, he wanted more.
So he schemed and schemed, and he planned so well,
That his neighbor merchant was forced to sell,
And he bought, and flourished, and flew into fame.
The other? I never heard what became
Of the other man."

Problem 5. I have just moved into a new town. I am young and enjoy life. I find the young folks of the Church I now attend seem to find most of their enjoyment in petting parties. I have been brought up to believe the relation between boys and girls should be one of good comradeship and mutual respect. I would like to be popular with this new crowd but indiscriminate hugs and kisses go against the grain. What should I do? Does our ideal have anything to do with this problem?

A HIGH HONOR

Dr. Lippard, missionary to Japan, tells of being called Jesu by a native. Is there any possibility that your life so reflects The Ideal that you deserve that blessed name. Recall the instruction of the great art teacher, "When you copy, copy a masterpiece!" Our masterpiece is Christ. May we have some prayers for more Christ-like lives?

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September 12, 1926

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

"WHAT IS THE CHURCH, AND WHAT SHOULD IT BE DOING?"

Eph. 2:17-22; Matt. 28:16-20

To leaders: This subject calls for real prayer in preparation. A frank discussion may mean that your Church will undertake some new work for the extension of the Kingdom.

Three talks: What ought OUR CHURCH to do for (1) Foreign Missions, (2) Home Missions, (3) Inner Missions?

Three talks: What does this community need that OUR CHURCH can supply?

Debate: Resolved that a Church with a big debt ought to give to Foreign Missions.

TOPIC

What is the Church? The Body of believers where the word is taught in its purity and the sacraments rightly administered. What is the test for those qualifying words, purity and rightly? The Christ. In His teaching and in His life He is the norm of truth. The sacraments are founded directly on His word.

St. Paul in our epistle lesson uses a building as an illustration of the Church, teaching us our place in the Church. St. Peter calls Christians "living stones." Still another figure is found in 1 Corinthians, 2:27 where we are called "The Body of Christ." These figures tell us simply that we are bound together, each filling his own particular place, that Christ may dwell in us and through us minister to a needy world.

The Church is no cold marble temple, but a living Temple, a Body, thinking after the mind of Christ, doing the deeds made holy

by His loving life of service, pointing the way of reconciliation with God, offering in the sacraments His free grace.

What should the Church be doing? The answer should be quite simple. If the Church is the Body of Christ, the Church must do the things that Christ did when among men. The great commission of our Gospel lesson, like all Jesus' commands, pictures His own mission. He always preached what He practiced. What a fine wholesome ideal for our Church, her ministry and her membership!

The Church should teach. Disciple means learner. What an appropriate name for Christians. It is a Christ-like thing to preach a sermon, teach a Sunday-school class, instruct an erring friend in the way of life! The teaching Church is the Christ-like Church. Therein is the Church blessed, for, as young teachers soon discover, you learn by teaching. Thank God for the thousands of Leaguers who teach in the Sunday School.

The Church Life Teaches. An inconsistent Church member is like an unlighted light-house. Sailors have learned to depend on the light-house beacon. The darkened beacon becomes therefore the more deadly. Beecher when asked how he could accomplish so much in his ministry, answered "I preach each Sunday and four hundred of my people live every day."

Observe His Commands. In our Lutheran Church we accept His commands at their face value. He commanded the sacraments. No one can dodge that without altering the literal statement of His own words. He also commanded a life of unselfish service. Between these two there is an unbreakable connection. Our religion must be a "Come" and a "Go" religion. We come to Church for grace and guidance. We go out into daily life to serve. We are saved to serve.

Force or Field? Is our Church a field with a fence around it? Do we feel satisfied if our Church meets its budget at home, has good preaching and a comfortable building? Would Christ choose membership in a Church that did nothing for the poor, never searched out the unsaved in the community, budgeted dollars for home use and nickels for missions? Would He? The Church that He would seek would be a force, a mighty organized, vitalized force for saving the world. Shall we make our Church just such a Church as would please Him?

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September 19, 1926

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

"WHAT WORK SHALL WE PLAN THIS YEAR?"

1 Cor. 3:6-17

To Leaders: In this meeting plan to offer the program for the fall and winter activities. Meet with the Executive Committee of your League and use the Officers and Committee Chairmen (Secretaries) to give the talks. Speakers (1), (2), (3), (4), should have "Queries of an Educational Secretary." (5) will receive help from Miss May Scherer. (6) should turn to the Life Service Secretary, Rev. Mr. Clarence Portz. Speakers should be practical. For instance: What work in the field of missions could and should *your League do?* What about starting a Mission Study Class *in your League?* Should *your Church* have a Service Shield? These and many other questions might be raised. The program of the Luther League of America is Education, Missions and Life Service. What do these mean in the program of *your League?* If you make good use of this meeting you may do great things for *your League.*

TOPIC

Big Business. Our loyal League friend Dr. I. C. Hoffman, who directs the home mission work of the Eastern District tells of a conversation with a traveling man on one of his journeys. This chance acquaintance told of the size and excellence of his goods and of his house and then turning to Dr. Hoffman asked for whom he traveled. He answered "for the greatest business in the world." In his answer there is absolute truth and absolute sincerity He is investing his life in his Father's Business. Do you believe that the Church is the biggest business in the world? Do not answer "with flowers" or with lips only.

Shall We Plan? If the Church *is* Big Business, the answer *must be yes!* The planless business is on the road to bankruptcy. Churches that fail, ninety-nine times out of a hundred, have had no constructive program. Leagues that die have lived from hand to mouth, sliding along from week to week and without any real scheme for a season's work. There was nothing aimless about Christ. The League without an aim is unchristian. Let us use this meeting to plan for the new season of work

What Shall We Plan? We have the program of the Luther League of America and should see what that will mean in our League.

Education. Under this department we find the following interests: Daily Bible Reading, Reading Courses, Devotionals and the circulation of League Literature.

Daily Bible Reading: Our Church is the Church of the open Bible. The Bible may be open on our pulpits and lecterns without being open in our homes. Every Christian should read the Bible daily. Will any one argue this question? Of course not! Then it is fair to conclude that *you ought to read the Bible daily.* How can we secure 100 per cent of our membership reading the Bible daily. I will ask (1) to answer.

Reading Courses: Everybody knows that good books, like good friends, make us. It is also true that bad books like bad friends unmake us. How can we cultivate the habit of reading good books? We will let (2) answer.

Devotionals: The foundation of the League is the Devotional. It should be well attended and certainly held weekly. A Devotional should be interesting and inspiring; (3) will tell us his (or her) criticism on our average Devotionals.

League Literature: The REVIEW, the *Topics*, pamphlets like "Our Past," "Queries of an Educational Secretary" and Intermediate and Junior Literature, all listed on the inside of the front cover of the REVIEW, all these splendid and interesting things will not circulate themselves. How can we get results in the circulation of our literature? (4) may answer.

Missions. The Mission Study Class, The Missionary Devotional once each month and the Missionary Objective are the main elements in the League program for Missions. Missions are not optional with a Christian. That means that our League must have a missionary program if it is really Christian. I am asking (5) to outline our program in Missions.

Life Service. All our plans will be futile without action. Some one who knew, said, "No motion is carried till it is carried out." It is also true that no emotion is worth while unless it expresses itself in motion. All our system of education in the Bible and in missions will mean little unless it results in the investment of life for Christ. How shall we challenge every Leaguer to give his best to the business of the League? How shall we enlist some of our Leaguers in full time Christian Service. I shall ask (6).

In Conclusion. We have gone over our plans. What shall we do about them? Let us have several short prayers for the best yet season of service for our League.

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September 26, 1926

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

THE SLAV'S INTRODUCTION TO AMERICA

(Chapter 4—Peasant Pioneers)

Romans 15:1-7

Leader—Our study for today takes up the Slav's introduction to America and the beginning of his new life in America. His introduction to America is at Ellis Island, just outside New York. We must bear in mind our former study of why the Slav comes to America. We must not forget his dreams of the "Land of the free and the home of the brave." This will help us to understand his rude awakening when he reaches Ellis Island and learns that he is not free, and that he must undergo many trials and tests before he can really enter America. "Every ship that comes to Ellis Island brings people who want to come to America to live. Since the War there are so many people homeless and hungry and poor and mistreated in other lands that thousands are turning to America to find home and freedom. Most of them come to Ellis Island in New York Harbor. Agents are there to meet and inspect them. If they are sick or not able to support themselves they are sent back on the ships that brought them over so that Americans will not be exposed to plagues and contagious disease and to the burden of people who can not or will not work." Let us consider the various people who come to America.

Bulgarian Father—My home is in Bulgaria. My family there was large. When a letter came back to Bulgaria from one of my neighbors who had gone to America in which he told how he had prospered and was riding in his own automobile, I decided to leave my family and my home, which was a very humble one, and make a larger and better one in America. So I left, believing that in a short time I would be able to send money back to my wife and children in order that they might join me. I wanted to make a beautiful home for them. I dreamed of the time when I could bring them to America to be with me. During the ocean trip I was happy in this thought.

I became greatly excited just before we reached America when I was told that we would soon leave the ship on which I had come to America. I was eager to start to work with the one purpose in view of bringing my family to America. We landed at Ellis Island. I was impatient to go on to New York but I found that I could not go. I had to be examined and questioned. There were many others who waited at Ellis Island with me. Some fathers were there who had brought their wives and children. Many of us became homesick and would have gone back to our homeland if we could have done so.

When I left Ellis Island I was willing to work; but I found that it was a difficult thing to get a job. For days and days and even weeks and weeks, I went from place to place searching for a job. Then, when I did get work I found that it would pay me barely enough to get me a place to sleep and enough food to make me able to work. I tried to save; but for more than a year I could not save anything. Then I got a better position and now, after three years, I have saved just enough money to bring my wife and children to America. I have no money left to care for them after they come; but I can not let them stay away longer. While I was at Ellis Island there was one Christian worker who was especially kind to me. I hope this same worker will be there to help my wife.

Leader—"It is popular now to condemn Ellis Island, its officials and its methods. Much unjust criticism is being directed at the Ellis Island officials. However, it is true

that there are many conditions, many provisions of the law which impress the bewildered immigrant most unfavorably. Unstinted praise should be given to the representatives of the welfare agencies who are seeking to alleviate conditions. But Ellis Island will ever remain a reproach to our fair name until the immigrant station is removed root and branch from the crowded little island and located in a place where more decent surroundings for those detained will be possible, and until the officials at the station are accorded greater discretionary powers in the administration of the law." Let us have the story of another Slav.

Hungarian Mother—I am a woman from Hungary. I came to America to meet my husband. He sent us money to come and said that he would make a home for us. When my children and I reached Ellis Island we became very unhappy. The children wanted to see their father and I wanted to see my husband. We waited days and days. Papers had to be fixed. One of the children became sick and we had to wait still longer. We could not enter New York with a sick child. Then after a long time, we were told that we could leave, but there was no message from my husband. I became frantic. The only comfort that came to me came from a beautiful woman (whether she was really beautiful I do not know, but to me she was most beautiful). She comforted us day after day while we were waiting. When the message finally came to me that my husband had been killed in a coal mine, I would have wanted to jump into the deep water and take all of my children with me, but for the beautiful woman who told me that God would be with me and that He would be my strength.

Then when I went to the town in which my husband had lived, I found that there was a little insurance that would come to me; but it was very little. I found people from my own country in this town. I knew that I could cook the kind of food that they liked; and I got a place to cook in one of their boarding houses. So instead of coming to America to my husband and a home I came to work every hour of the day. In the house in which I cooked there were sometimes eight or ten in one room. Sometimes there were two shifts of sleepers in the same room. Those who were on the night shift slept in the beds during the day time, and they no sooner crawled out of their beds to go to work than their beds were taken by the men who returned from the day shift. But this condition did not last. I can not tell you why it happened or how it happened; but there came to our people in the mining town—one who was called the "Angel of Mercy." I do not know why she came; but I do know that soon after she came things began to get better. She said that she loved us, and I believe that she did. We wanted to keep our houses better because we knew that she might visit us. My children went to Sunday School and then to school. Everything was changed. Now, I am learning to love America and many of the people in America.

Leader—Mr. Miller says: "The ease and rapidity with which our Slavic immigrants are able to adapt themselves to favorable conditions but makes it the more deplorable that these privileges are denied absolutely or kept so long out of the reach of the great masses of our industrial workers. It is sheer neglect on our part. I have met Czechs, Slovaks, Poles who had been in this country oven ten years and had never really come to know a single American. The testimony of Mr. Davis is conclusive on this point." (Have read what Mr. Davis says.) Page 125, Peasant Pioneers.

Leader—Let us hear the story of another immigrant.

Slovak Girl—I am a Slovak girl. I wanted to come to America because I had heard such wonderful things about America. All the time that we were on the ship I told my younger brother and sister about the great times we would have and about the beautiful homes that would be ours. I hope that some time I can forget my great disappointment when I first landed at Ellis Island. After I came on into New York I found that the stories about beautiful homes were all true. There were many beautiful homes; there were flowers and fountains in the yards; but I soon learned that I could only stand outside and look at them and that when the children from these homes came by they did not want to speak to me. I wanted to go back to my own home and live there forever. We did not have big homes there; but everybody knew me and the children played with me. When the truant officer came to the little home to which our father took us and said that I must go to school, I did not want to go. I cried and tried to hide. I was afraid that I would be made fun of. But when I learned that the school was for the children of my own country who were living in the town, then I wanted to go to school. From the minute that I went into the school room I loved the teacher. She was so different. She taught us to read and write, but she taught us many other things. She taugth us to love America and the American flag. She came to see us in our home. Every time that my mother knew that the teacher was coming to my home, she would spend a long time cleaning up and getting things to look nice. It got so finally that my mother always kept the house clean. I helped her because I wanted to please the

teacher. Other houses were also kept clean. I have learned many things. Just as soon as I have learned enough I am going to be a teacher and teach in one of the schools to which the children from my own country go so that I may help them as my teacher has helped me. But now, I call America my country.

Leader—We have another story of a boy and his school life in America.

ZELIG ARNOVITCH

(In packet recommended for programs)

Leader—All Slavic children do not have the same opportunity that these children had. Our textbook tells of other conditions. Have read

CHILD LIFE

(Peasant Pioneers, Page 116).

Leader—Let us hear the story of

MIGRANT FRUIT PICKERS

(Page 119, Peasant Pioneers).

ONE IMMIGRANT FAMILY

(Page 122, Peasant Pioneers).

SUGGESTIONS TO LEADERS

The above program includes only a small part of the many interesting facts given in Chapter IV of Peasant Pioneers. In addition to the questions suggested in the Topic booklet, the following questions may be discussed: Can Ellis Island as existing today eventually be dispensed with? How?

What is the real labor problem of the Slavic immigrant? How can we get him "back to the farm?"

The program may include a debate: "Resolved that the Slav has a better chance to develop into a well rounded individual in America than in Europe."

"Visitors from Ellis Island" from which some of the above quotations are taken is a little play written by Mrs. E. C. Cronk. It can easily be adapted to fit into the program. It may be ordered from Literature Headquarters at 5 cents a copy.

Intermediate Department

DEAR INTERMEDIATES:—

I want you to get a clear picture of the time, place and occasion under which this letter is being penciled to you. I am seated in the Lutheran Camp's delivery truck, which resembles somewhat the "Wreck of the Hesperus." The time of the day is 9 o'clock in the morning of June 30th; and I am waiting in front of the camp mail box for the letter carrier (incidentally I hope he brings me a letter from my wife and babies). The Lutheran Camp is owned by the Kansas Synod of the U. L. C., and I am its manager for this season. If you consult your United States map you will discover that Kansas is in the center of things, in fact, the camp is only a few miles from the geographical center of the U. S. According to that your Secretary is in the center of his family of Intermediates. His present position geographically is somewhat like that of a Queen bee in her hive. Now I trust there are neither other Queens to woo away some of my family nor drones in the hive of Intermediate Leaguedom. We don't want anyone to get stung.

In a few days I will be on a train back to my office in Philadelphia, and before anyone has read this letter I will have appeared before the State Luther League Conventions of Pennsylvania, Maryland and Ohio. You see I must write to you one month in advance, while the Topics are submitted two months ahead. After the Ohio Convention toward the close of July I will motor back to the Lutheran Camp with my father and family to supervise four large group camps. Incidentally the Kansas Luther League meets in "Camp-Convention" at the camp in August. From here in late August I go up north to attend the Nebraska State Luther League Convention. After that I return home never to forsake you another summer.

On my way to Kansas in late May I attended the New York State Luther League Convention. It was a great meeting, among the 735 or more registered delegates there were about fifty Intermediates.

You will be interested to know that we have passed the first one hundred mark in the number of Intermediate Leagues. Let's work toward the second hundred goal now. The New Leagues are:

No.	*Leagues*	*No. Members*
99.	Christ, Floral Park, N. Y.	5
100.	St. Matthew's Baisly Park, Jamaica, N. Y.	10
101.	St. John's, Duluth, Minn.	20
102.	Holy Trinity, St. Paul, Minn.	40
103.	Emanuel, New York City	20
104.	Kensington, Buffalo, N. Y.	21
105.	English, Mount Vernon, N. Y.	15
106.	Incarnation, Baisly Park, Jamaiga, N. Y.	15
	Total	146

The Andhra Christian College Objective received three contributions during June as follows:

28—Redeemer, Reading, Pa. ..... $ 5.00

29—St. Luke's, Brooklyn, N. Y.	$5.00
30—Trinity, Victoria, Texas	7.00
Total	$17.00
Previously reported	210.03
Total	$227.03

I have some real big news for you in my next letter. Wait patiently, but expectantly. The letter man has arrived, and I was personally rewarded with two letters instead of one from my family. Knowing the letters to be love letters, I am constrained to send my love to my entire Intermediate family.

Faithfully,

R. J. WOLF.

September 5, 1926

HOW CAN I MAKE THE BEST USE OF MY BIBLE?

Psalm 1:2; Ps. 119:9-6

The best use of one's Bible is to use it and to be used by it. The word of God is like a two-edged sword, it cuts both ways. In the proper use of the Bible it cuts away the unholy things from our lives, and also becomes the instrument in our hands to cut sin and evil out of the world. It does us good and at once becomes the medium of doing good. To me that is the best use I can put my Bible to. Although the cutting done to me hurts sometimes, and on the other hand there is a felt hurt to go out of my way to help others; nevertheless the Bible as a two-edged instrument cannot be used only with the one blade.

Unfortunately there are many people who use the Bible on other people, but not on themselves; that form of using the word of God denotes hypocrisy. Then again to hear the Word and not "Go with it to Others," is equally as bad. In other words, Use the Bible for it is profitable. (Read II Tim. 3:16-17.)

If all the commands, warnings and saving graces preached on Sundays and weekdays from our pulpits were heeded by using, applying and meditating upon, there would be a lot more church goers, real sincere Christians.

A knowledge of the Bible doesn't of itself make a Christian of a man. Some of earth's worst devils have a remarkable knowledge of the Word. Then again people bent upon the destruction of Christianity or who preach a perversion of the truth, know the Bible as few earnest preachers know it; but their interpretation is not in accordance with the Truth. So the use of the Bible as God would have us use it is even more important than a literary knowledge of it. I know some folks who couldn't quote a passage of Scripture to save their lives, yet in degree of faith and good works are far superior to many who everlastingly make you sick with their preachments on the necessity of daily Bible reading. Of course we should use the Bible daily, but for me I'd rather neglect reading the Bible today and do some good deed, than to read it and not profit by that reading. Undoubtedly the best way is to use your Bible and be used by it. (Read the story of the Good Samaritan. Luke 10:25-38.)

Let us pass now to a direct study of our Scripture assignment. Ps. 1:2 (read). Here we are told to *delight* in the law of Jehovah, that is, to find pleasure and profit in reading the Bible. The Bible is not to be read just to say we're reading it, or is it to be done purely in a mechanical way. We are to find happiness in reading it. The Bible is a many book volume, and the source of healing for all human ills. There is not just one passage for an occasion, but for all. When sick, distressed, tempted, lonely, harassed by enemies, or what not, you find in the Bible the necessary help. The thing then to do when you read God's word is to seek out the passages that will help you most at that particular time.

Passing on to Ps. 119:9-16 (read). We find that a person can only be cleansed by taking heed unto God's word. In other words, what's the use of reading the Good Samaritan story or the Prodigal Son story if we persist in doing good to no man or harm to ourselves? When Jesus offers himself, as our Saviour, why try to work out our own salvation? Take heed! Many read and hear, but heed not.

Use your Bible whole heartedly, not today and tomorrow forget it; or everybody using it in a half hearted way, but always putting your whole soul and might into it. Be a user of the one talent, or five talents, as the case may be, to the limit.

Next lay up the word in your heart, against a spiritual famine. Be a wise Joseph and stock up for a drought that may come in the form of an unusual trial or temptation, or implied in the command to give your full time to the ministry of God's word as a preacher, missionary or deaconess.

Vs. 13. Declare the word. Tell it. Stay not on the house tops, as Peter once wanted to when called to go to Joppa, but get down into the throng of Godlessness and serve your Lord.

Vs. 14. Rejoice, be not a crape follower of the word, always mourning and weighed down with sadness. The Christian religion is a happy religion. So be happy and as joyful as the angels. Our Saviour wants us to be so, for God made all things good and good things are intended to make happy.

Forget not His Word and you are a User of that Word.

September 12, 1926

"WHAT ARE MY CHURCH'S PLANS FOR THE NEXT SIX MONTHS?"

Mark 6:7-13

(School is in session. Everybody is back from vacations. The Intermediates are looking forward to the year's work in the Church and League. Plan a "Home-Coming-Meeting." Send written invitations to the Leaguers. Have the officers and committee chairmen give short talks on their plans for the year. Put a lot of preparation and enthusiasm into the meeting.)

The League year begins in September—even though the calendar doesn't say so. This is the time when everything starts in anew. At this time plan—or have ready—the complete program for the year. Indeed the whole Church's program should be outlined.

The trouble with the average church program is that there isn't any program. You ask the average church member what the program of his church is and he will likely reply—"Well, we have church services, and Sunday School, and——." That isn't a program.

A program is a definite outlined course of study and work for each group in the Church, with a definite goal in view to be reached by the end of the year. The Intermediate League should have a plan for each year's study. And it should have a definite program of social, missionary and service activities. If you have something doing the Intermediate will come. Have variety, do not be afraid of doing something new or of using new leaders. The one difference between a rut and a grave is that one has the ends knocked out. Keep out of a rut. Plan your work and work your plan.

In planning the devotional program, it is a good idea to get topic cards for the year from the Luther League Headquarters and place one in the hands of each Leaguer. They will then know what is to take place, and, if you have given careful attention to preparation, will create great interest in your meetings.

Is your League going to plan anything in a missionary way this year? Have you made your contribution to furnishing the gymnasium of Andhra Christian College, India, the Intermediate Objective for this year? When you have a missionary program it would be an excellent thing to have a missionary offering.

Does your League have a life service program, in which the departments of the church are held up before the Intermediates as possible life callings to them? Consult the Life Service Department in the REVIEW.

Although the social part of the Luther League is not the biggest feature, we should give careful attention to this part of our plans for the year. Have regular stated periods to have socials. Secure a good book on social activities, consult the Social Department of the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW and put a snap into the socials that will bring the intermediates to it and to the other meetings of the league.

Do you have a Scout Troop or a Group of Camp Fire Girls in your Church? Are they associated with the Intermediate League? If not, why not? One of the plans of the Intermediate Department of the Luther League of America for the coming winter is to enlist them all. Watch the REVIEW for the plans.

Have a member of your Church council attend this meeting and outline briefly the plans of your church for the winter and have your pastor outline the plans of your synod and of the United Lutheran Church.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

What is the value of having a definite goal?

What is our League doing for our Church?

How can we put every member to work?

How can we put more life into the work of Committees?

Shall we send a delegate to the Convention of the Luther League of America?

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September 19, 1926

"BEING A CHRISTIAN—IN MY CHURCH LIFE"

1 Timothy 4:12-16

(*Rev. E. Martin Grove*)

The theme before us today is a practical one and deals with the duties and privileges and virtues which go to make up a truly Christian character, and a true and efficient servant in the Church. What is necessary in order that I may render the greatest service possible for my Lord through the Church? What are some of the requirements to fit me for such service? We shall endeavor to answer these questions in part by stating a number of practical precepts and practices for everyone who would follow Christ We know of no better way to answer these questions than to turn to the life of Jesus and permit His life to guide us. Here are some of the things which every Christian should do.

I. Pray—

If there was one thing in the life of our Lord for which He always found time, it certainly was to pray. Many times He did not have time to eat or to sleep, but He always found time to pray. He taught His disciples to pray. He warned them to "watch and pray" lest they enter into temptation. He expected His followers to believe in prayer and to spend much time in prayer.

The greatest Christians of all times were also men and women of prayer. The greatest acts of men have been performed after they had prayed. This is a busy age. We are cumbered with much serving. But every Christian should take time for prayer to be equipped to render the greatest service for Christ and His church.

II. Study—

There is one great text book with which

every Christian should be familiar. That book is the Bible. In its messages God makes known His will for us. It is the greatest Book in all the world. "It contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers." It has always offered great inspiration for youth. We should "read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct us, food to support us, and comfort to cheer us. It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, the Christian's charter." Yet many of us are concerned very little about studying it.

One of the first admonitions that the great Apostle Paul gave young Timothy after he accepted Christ was: "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (II Timothy 2:15.) Jesus knew the Scriptures. When He was but twelve years of age, He astonished the most learned men of the age with His wisdom. We should follow His example. Make it a solemn rule to read some portion of the Scriptures and to pray every day.

III. Attend—

One of the important duties of every Christian is to attend the services of the Church. This is not only a duty but a great privilege. Regular and faithful attendance is one of the splendid ways of telling others what we think of the worth of the Church. Time after time we read of Jesus going to Church on the Sabbath Day "as His custom was."

We should not think that we have completed our duty when we have attended the Sunday School or the League service, and then go our way, neglecting the worship in the Sanctuary.

IV. Work—

The old maxim runs like this: "Idleness is the devil's workshop." It is a scientific fact, and also a spiritual fact, that idleness is always a prelude to death. As soon as you stop the normal functioning of an organ it begins to wither and to perish.

The first recorded sentence of Jesus as a boy was this: "I must be about my Father's business." When Charles Lamb was freed from the counting-room of the East India Company, where he had been employed many years, he thought he had reached the moment of greatest happiness in his life. He was now at leisure. Then two years passed, two years of idleness and weariness, at the conclusion of which he said that whereas time had formerly been his friend, now it became his enemy. "I assure you," he said, "No work is worse than overwork."

Find some work to do for your Church. Do not refuse when you are asked to render some service for Christ and His Church. Do not find excuses. Always remember that *"I Can't"* never did anything; *"I'll Try"* has worked wonders; *"I Will"* has performed miracles. May we also learn to cooperate with others.

V. Give—

Here, again, the Master is our perfect Example. He was continually giving and giving and giving. He gave His all. Why is it that one person gets great joy from giving, while another, if he gives at all, finds it a most disagreeable task. The difference is that the one holds and practices the true principles of stewardship, and the other lives for self. Christ is interested in all our gifts, because what we do with our money and time and energy is an index to our characters.

Boys and girls sometimes feel that their gifts, either in money, time or energy, are small and amount to very little. There is a story of a lad who brought a basket of lunch, only a few small loaves and a few small fishes, and gave all that he had very willingly to Jesus. Jesus gladly received it and blessed the lunch and multiplied it until there was sufficient food to feed more than five thousand people, with much remaining. So, if we give that which we have, small it may be, in the same spirit, He will bless it and multiply it. We should all know the joy of giving.

VI. Boost—

Boost your Church. Speak well of it. Never be ashamed of it. Be loyal always. Tell others about it. We are loyal to our school, our class and our team. Applause has won many a victory. The same spirit of loyalty and fidelity and applause will bring success in our work for Christ and His Church.

There are other virtues and qualities needed beside those which have already been named if we would render true Christian service. We must have within our heart a spirit of forgiveness, kindness, sympathy and love. We must have the mind in us that was also in Christ Jesus.

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September 26, 1926

MAKERS OF SOUTH AMERICA
DAVID TRUMBULL
CHAP. X.

(*Laura Wade Rice*)

Hymn—From Greenland's Icy Mountains, last two verses.

Scripture Lesson—Rev. 10:1, 2, 8-11.

Prayer—Oh Thou God of our Fathers who hast spoken to us through Thy Holy Word, we thank Thee that Thou hast given power to Thy Word to go unto the ends of the earth. We thank Thee, too that Thou hast not sent it by angels, but hast called men to bear it to men, hast given to men the joy of giving it to other men. Make us

worthy to be bearers of Thy Word to others. Amen.

Hymn—Lord Send Thy Word and Let It Fly to—

The Bible and Missions, Chapter IV; pp. 154-165.

Leader—It is not enough to print millions of Bibles if they stay on the shelves of the Bible Houses. They help no one. Even if they were sent to stores all over the world they would help only those who sought for them. Millions of people would never come for a Bible because they do not know there is such a book. Other millions know—but have no desire to read it, and think they do not need it enough to spend money for it. Others have no money with which to buy it. We Christians are under orders. Our Commander has said we must preach the Gospel throughout all the world and to every creature. So men and women have not only given money to print Bibles, but men and women give all their time and often lose their lives as they obey the Lord Jesus and carry His story in Testaments and Bibles to "every creature." These Bible workers are called "colporteurs." Our book tells some wonderful things they have done in many lands.

(Leaguers each read one paragraph on pages 154-156.)

A—In Japan a colporteur, passing a prison, thought of the ones within. He secured money for 800 copies of the New Testament from a merchant, not a Christian. (Read pp. 156-158.)

B—A noted Korean, now an educational and Christian worker in Hawaii was converted by a New Testament he read in a Korean prison. (P. 158.)

C—Mr. Gung Tao a successful business man of Pekin bought and distributed 5,000 New Testaments and 10,000 Bibles before he became a Christian because after reading a copy he felt it had power to change men's hearts

D—The work of colporteurs during the World War was wonderful. (Pp. 160-163.)

E—The Pocket Testament League has won thousands to become daily readers of God's Word. (Pp. 163-165.)

Leader—We need this daily touch of the Book that does such wonders among men?

"MAKERS OF SOUTH AMERICA"—DAVID TRUMBULL, CHAPTER 10

Superintendent—One of the great needs of South America has always been Bibles. While the Romish Church sent and made priests by the score, they never give the "Silent Missionary" to the people. God speaks through His Word to men's hearts and changes their lives. The Bible sets men free from the power of sin and the devil, it banishes ignorance, it teaches men to read and to think for themselves. The spirit of the Lord is liberty.

A—We have seen how the Romish Church kept the people without schools. It also kept them from civil and religious liberty. But God always has a man somewhere to do his work. Such a man was David Trumbull, lineal descendant of John Alden and Priscilla. One of his famous family once said "The question is, not whether you are proud of your grandfather, but whether your grandfather would be proud of you."

B—David meant to keep up the good name of his forebears. He went to Yale and graduated with high honors, studied theology at Princeton and the year he graduated offered to go to Chile.

C—There was not a Protestant church or mission on the West Coast. Trumbull began by preaching to the sailors. Public worship on land was forbidden, only Catholics could be buried in a cemetery, a Protestant had no place to lie in death but the public dumping ground. Most Protestant residents had drifted into the Romish Church, there was no legal marriage except by a priest.

D—It was hard work to start a church, to buy a place and get permission to hold services. But Trumbull was a good maker of friends and a good fighter, and English and Scotch merchants helped him to win. But there had to be a high wooden fence with only a small gate around his church and the hymns must be sung *very* softly, so no one would be tempted to stop and listen. Trumbull had begun—his dream was to get equal rights for Protestant and Catholic all over Chile. (Read pp. 190-191.)

E—One of his favorite diversions was editing newspapers and publishing pamphlets and afterwards begging for the money to pay for them. (Pp. 191-192.) He determined to circulate Bibles. The archbishop declared them heretical and fraudulent. Out came one of Trumbull's newspapers and he fought till he won. (Read pp. 193-195.)

F—He won on the cemetery and civil marriage fights too. He himself married on one of his visits home. He and his wife opened a school for girls. He had to fight for that, but he won. His Union Church grew influential and wealthy and the fence came down in more ways than one. (Read pp. 196-197.)

G—The story of their home life as told by one of his sons is too delightful to shorten. (Read pp. 197-200.)

Leader—Every such fight and victory anywhere in South America makes the work of all missions and of liberty easier everywhere in South America. One by one the forts of ignorance and superstition and bondage are falling, God will give the victory everywhere.

Junior Department

MEET BETTY AND BOBBY WOLF

The two interesting children of our Intermediate Secretary — the Rev. Mr. R. J. Wolf. Mr. Wolf has been in charge of the Summer Camp of the Kansas Synod all summer, and the Kansas Junior Leaguers have honored Betty and Bobby by taking out a Sustaining Membership in their name.

"TAKE CARE OF THE JUNIORS AND THE SENIOR LEAGUE WILL TAKE CARE OF ITSELF."

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(A SUMMER LETTER TO JUNIOR SUPERINTENDENTS)

DEAR JUNIOR SUPERINTENDENTS:—

This is Vacation Season! But the King's Business requires haste, and we dare not let our work "die" during the summer months. Some of the most interesting meetings can be held during the summer season, a picnic, story hours, picture meetings, and other outdoor activities. So plan *now* to have at least one meeting during August to hold the interest of your Junior Leaguers.

In Summer Schools and Conventions the Junior Secretary has had the opportunity to meet workers and plan for the work of the coming year. A trip to Ohio and Indiana was most encouraging. We reached about a dozen points, conducted two Junior Institutes and found much interest. Our visit to the Nova Scotia League (reported elsewhere) permitted us to make a beginning in Junior work there. At the Lake Wawasee (Michigan Synod), Lakeside (Ohio Synodical) and Hartwick Seminary (New York) Summer Schools we hope during August to meet many more workers. Many have decided to organize Junior Leagues, and we should have a large number to report in the next few months. If there is a congregation nearby which has not yet awakened to the great opportunity it has in training the children for work in the Kingdom, will you not help it to see its opportunity?

Plan *now* for the work for the rest of the year. Hold a social, outdoor meeting, and invite a number of interested Leaguers, and together plan the work for the fall and winter. Work planned *now* begins well in September; work for which plans wait to be made until September never does get started until November or December!

Have you sent in your *Statistical Blank?* July first was the time set; if yours is not in we will still be glad to receive it, if it is sent *at once.* We cannot count your Junior League unless you report same to us, with your membership. Send in your blank *at once.*

Have you received your *Certificate?* Every League which sends in its statistical blank and complies with eight or more points on our Standard for Junior Leagues receives one. We know you will want one of these fine new Certificates, with the Star of the proper color affixed. On July 1 (when this is written) the following had reached the respective grades:

BLACK STAR JUNIOR LEAGUES (8 points)
- St. Matthew's, Oswego, N. Y.
- Elias, Newmanstown, Pa.
- St. Matthew's, Crafton, Pa.
- St. Andrew's, Glen Morris, L. I., N. Y.
- Zion, Greensburg, Pa.
- First, New Kensington, Pa.
- St. John's, Lock Haven, Pa.
- Christ, Trenton, N. J.
- Martin Luther Neighborhood House, Phila., Pa.
- Scherer Memorial, Chapman, Kan.
- St. Paul's, DuBois, Pa.
- Christ, Dallastown, Pa.
- Mt. Zion, N.S., Pittsburgh, Pa.
- Peace, Riverside, Reading, Pa.
- English, Convoy, Ohio.
- Divino Salvador, Catano, Porto Rico
- Memorial, N.S., Pittsburgh, Pa.
- St. Paul's, Walkersville, Md.
- St. James, Hellam, Pa.
- Redeemer, Oakbrook, Reading, Pa.

RED STAR JUNIOR LEAGUES (9 points)
- Grace, Reading, Pa.
- Christ, Shrewsbury, Pa.
- St. Paul's, Summit Hill, Pa.

St. John's, Nanticoke, Pa.
St. Michael's, Strasburg, Pa.
Faith, Mt. Penn, Reading, Pa.
Christ, Stone Church, Pa.
Epiphany, New York City, N. Y.
St. Matthew's, White Plains, N. Y.

WHITE STAR JUNIOR LEAGUES (10 points)

Zion, Olney, Phila., Pa.
Trinity, German, N.S., Pittsburgh, Pa.
St. James, Cleveland, Ohio
St. Peter's, Highspire, Pa.
Memorial, Harrisburg, Pa.
Epiphany, Camden, N. J.
Apostles, Phila., Pa.
Union, York, Pa.

BLUE STAR JUNIOR LEAGUES (11 points)

Trinity, Akron, Ohio
First, Butler, Pa.
Redeemer, Monaca, Pa.
Messiah, Wesleyville, Pa.
Bethany, Lima, Ohio.
First, Findlay, Ohio
First, Tyrone, Pa.
St. Luke's, N.S., Pittsburgh, Pa.
First German-English, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.
Grace, N.S., Pittsburgh, Pa.
Holy Trinity, New York City, N. Y.
St. Mark's, Uniondale, Ind.

and with great pleasure we attach to the Certificates of two a Gold Star, attesting that they had complied with every one of the twelve required points:

GOLD STAR JUNIOR LEAGUES (12 points)

Church of the Advent, New York City
Grace, Rochester, Pa.

Hats off to Sister Pearle! Sister Pearle is the untiring Secretary of Intermediate and Junior work in the New York State League, and a great deal of the success of the Department there is due to her. And she believes in beginning right at home in Advent Church.

(A word more about this League. Many of the children come from homes where the parents were not church members. Sister Pearle organized a Mother's Club, gained their interest in the things the children were doing and then drew them into the church. As a result last year, sixty or more joined Advent, and the pastor attributes at least half of these accessions to the interest created in this way. Truly "a little child shall lead them.")

Congratulations, Mrs. Doty! The Junior League at Rochester, Pa., is our largest Junior League, with 176 members. $144.27 was contributed by these Juniors for various causes during the year; 45 were promoted into Girls' and Boys' Intermediate Leagues. Not only did they do all the regular work of the Junior League, but they have a long list of special activities to their credit!

Both of these Junior Leagues earned their Gold Stars.

We think the Honor Roll as given above is a splendid showing. No one knew they were to be graded, and we feel sure next year everyone will receive a higher rating. Many are already at work for a Gold Star Rank for 1927. We feel honorable mention should also be made of St. John's, Elkhorn, Wisconsin, who organized just two months reached six points in that time. Altogether now for a large number of Gold Star Leagues for next year.

The items which caused most Leagues not to reach the Gold Star Rank were—joint meeting with the Intermediate or Senior League, and promotion exercises into the Intermediate or Senior League. We know it is not always possible to have all three departments, but it is a goal toward which to work—that is why we put it in the Standard. The best Luther League training is given when the entire program, Junior, Intermediate and Senior Departments, is carried on. So plan to eventually have all three departments wherever possible.

Are your Juniors working on the *Reading Course?* Do not forget that a Banner will be awarded at the Salisbury Convention to the state (or district in New York or Pennsylvania) having the largest percentage of the Juniors completing the Course. See the plan as given in the leaflet in the Program Packet. And send to Sister Alma Boarts, 833 Colfax St., Toledo, Ohio, not later than December first, a list of all Juniors completing the six books.

We have been busy issuing Certificates to those already finished. For completing the 1926 Course

Carlton Elliott, First, Findlay, Ohio

has received a Certificate. For the 1925 Course

Ruth Wise
Robert Mack
Mildred Wise, all of Bethany, Lima, Ohio

and

Donna Vaught
Paul Miller
Georgia Googer
Laure Winters
Mildred Duerling
Kathryn Yates
Anna May Winters, all of St. Luke's, N.S., Pittsburgh, Pa.

have received Certificates. This makes sixteen recently issued to St. Luke's. St. Michael's, Strasburg, Pa., also writes for fifteen certificates, saying that number have completed the course. It looks as if there will be a sharp contest for that banner. And not a long way back it was an *event* to find a Junior League using any one of the books of the Course! We are growing along every line.

Do you have the books of the *Reading Course?* The last to report purchasing the same are

St. John's, Johnsonburg, Pa.
St. Michael's, Strasburg, Pa.

What about our *A. C. C. Junior Objective?* Have you contributed? We reported $413.65 last month. Now we have reached $445.15, the following having contributed since that report:

Grace, Reading, Pa.	$15.00
St. John's, Mohnton, Pa.	5.00
St. Andrew's, Glen Morris, L. I., N. Y.	5.00
Redeemer, Utica, N. Y.	3.50
Martin Luther Neighborhood House, Phila., Pa.	3.00

Send in a contribution and help us make "Junior League Room" in the dormitory of Andhra Christian College a room for four boys. It will be if we contribute $600. Our goal was $500, let's over-subscribe!

Have you taken out a *Sustaining Membership?* Read the news on this interesting subject in each issue of the REVIEW. This Fund makes possible the forward work of the League, and the Junior Department is largely supported from the same. Hence the Juniors are interested. We know that if possible you will want to contribute to this. Why not take out a Five Dollar membership for your pastor's son or daughter, the President of your Junior League, or some important Junior? If you do not care to do this, take it out in the name of your organization. The following have done so—five new ones this month—which we think is fine:

St. Matthew's, Strasburg, Pa.
Zion, Olney, Phila., Pa.
St. Peter's, Highspire, Pa., for Roberta Barry
First, Butler, Pa.
Kansas Junior Leagues, for Betty and Bobby Wolf.

This makes 34 Sustaining Memberships taken out by Junior Leagues this year. Let us keep up this good work.

These Junior Leagues we welcome into our family, the same having registered:

214.—St. Paul's, New Castle, Pa.
215. Salem, Oberlin, Pa.

Who will be the next?

The Juniors have been rallying and holding conventions. The Junior Leagues of Branch Number Five, Pittsburgh District, held their convention in Mt. Zion Church. They had printed programs like a "regular Senior convention," and an excellent program. There was a Flag Drill, a Story Hour, reports and business conducted by the Juniors, a Topic, "What the Junior League has done for me," a picnic lunch, and at the evening session, the pageant on Andhra Christian College, "Where West Meets East." This was given by the Juniors of the different Leagues represented in Branch Number 5, Mt. Zion, Grace, Trinity German, St. Luke's, Memorial, all taking part. (Last month we reported that this would be given by Grace, N.S., Pittsburgh, and we are glad to make this correction.) So well was this given that the Juniors have been asked to repeat it twice.

Four of the five Junior Leagues of the Western District Ohio League were represented at their convention at North Baltimore St. Matthew's Junior League recited the Books of the Bible, and gave a description of the Tabernacle at Jerusalem. A Lima Junior gave a reading. The Bethany, Lima Junior League captured both awards, one for posters, and one for the largest percentage completing the Reading Course.

The Juniors were also present at a Junior convention all their own at Reading during the Pennsylvania Convention. At the summer schools they were also represented. We will report more of this next month.

All of which goes to show that even though it is Summer, the Junior Luther Leagues are not asleep or even inactive.

The Literature Committee met recently and outlined the new Junior Topics and Reading Course for 1927. Announcement of same will be made shortly. If you have any suggestions for the work for 1927, any ideas you feel would be helpful to other Junior superintendents, send them to the Junior Secretary. We are always glad to make our programs just as helpful and big as possible.

Plan your work *now* and renew all your activities the first of September with new zeal and new enthusiasm.

Yours for the *Juniors*,
BRENDA L. MEHLHOUSE.

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September 5, 1926

MISSIONARY TOPIC: GOOD HEALTH, PLAY AND WORK

(Mrs. E. C. Cronk)

Missionary topics from July to December are based on the book "Better Americans, No. III," by Herbert Wright Gates. Price 75 cents, cloth binding only. Every Junior leader should have a copy of this book. It contains story materials for every chapter, and suggestions for discussion.

The August lesson is based on chapters four, five and six. Leaders who wish to do so may base their programs on one of the three chapters including in their plans such material as they think advisable from the other two chapters, or the three stories may be told and followed by discussion.

AIM—*To show the value of health to human life and usefulness; to help the pupils to understand the true value of work and play, and to show them how they may share in the work of the Church in its healing ministries and in providing proper conditions for play and for work.*

SUGGESTED OUTLINE FOR PROGRAM

Hymn—Beautiful Saviour.

Scripture—Luke 7:18-23.

Prayer—For those who are sick.

Approach to the Lesson—(See page 61, Better Americans, No. III).

The Story of Rafaelita—(Page 62).

Discussion.

Approach to the Second Story—(See paragraph 2, page 71).

Story—Why Tea-Kettle Changed His Mind.

Discussion—(See page 75).

Second Scripture Reading—Let some one read Zachariah 8:1-8, explaining that when the prophet saw an ideal city, children were playing in it.

Introduction and Story—How Swift Arrow Found His Mark (pages 79-85).

Discussion.

Service Activities—Gleaned from the three chapters.

Suggestions.

Three persons may be asked to tell the stories or the leader may tell the three stories abbreviating them as much as possible and making clear the relationship between health and play and work. Pictures of hospitals, health centers, children's homes and other institutions of the Church may be displayed and discussed, making clear the needs and the opportunities of the boys and girls in meeting the need. If there is a deaconess available she may be invited to tell the boys and girls in a few words of some experience which would be interesting and helpful.

At the close of the session sentence prayers may be offered.

The topic for the next lesson is "Friendly Neighbor and World Peace." Ask members to make advance preparation by writing a list of their most friendly neighbors and tell how they show their friendship and a list of all the nations they can think of and how the nations can be friends.

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September 12, 1926

JESUS, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

John 8:12

(Suggestions for the Leader)

At this opening meeting of the Fall season review all the Torchbearer Lessons. Have eight Juniors with large signs on which are printed the names of the Torchbearers already studied — Abraham, Joseph, Moses, Gideon, David, Elijah, Ruth and John the Baptist—tell the stories of their lives. This is more helpful than merely getting the children to read something.

Put up the Torchbearer Chart with the pictures suggested as described in the December, 1925, REVIEW.

For handwork let the Juniors make a missionary chart. Ask them the week before to bring to this meeting pictures of people of other lands, to whom Jesus, the Light of the World, should also be given. Put the picture, "The Light of the World," in the centre of a large sheet of cardboard. An orange or green card may be used. Print in large blue letters, "I am The Light of the World." Have the Juniors cut out the pictures carefully, have a few on hand to give to those who are unable to bring any—and then appoint a committee to arrange and paste them on the chart. Have stories of some of these people told at some time during the meeting. Ask three or four of the Juniors to be ready to tell stories, which you can give them the week before to prepare.

Have a Quiz. Make out a list of questions covering the stories already given in the Torchbearer series. Divide the Juniors on two sides. Use the questions as in an old-time Spelling Bee.

THE TOPIC

Memory Verse—John 8:12.

Bible Readings—To be given by six Juniors:

The Eternal Light.—John 1:6-9.
Many Love Darkness.—John 3:19-21.
The Light Makes the Blind See.—John 9:4, 5.
Jesus Brings Us Light.—Eph. 5:8,14.
Walk in the Light.—1 John 1:7.
How to Walk in the Light.—1 John 2:10, 11.

Leader—We have been hearing about Torchbearers down through all the ages and learning how God gave His promises and His word to one man after another, working out His plan to save the whole world.

We learned how Abraham was promised that he was to be the founder of the mighty nation which was to be given God's promises.

We saw how Joseph carried the faith of his fathers to a heathen land and there remained true to his God.

We know how when the people were in danger of being lost in the great heathen nation about them Moses was raised up as a great leader to carry on God's Truth.

We saw how Gideon fought to keep the nation together, and how Elijah kept before the people the promises of the Lord. Then we saw that mighty forerunner of our Lord, John the Baptist, who told of one mightier than he who was coming to keep the Torch of God's word burning.

Today we shall hear of Him who came to be the Light of the World.

(Have the required number of Juniors read or give the following paragraphs:)

Way back in Old Testament history after God gave His promise to His chosen people, Isaiah prophesied that some day there should come One Who would save the people from their sins.

Even with the promise that God had chosen them to be His messengers the Children of Israel fell into sin and time and time again needed a prophet or torchbearer to call them back to God. And then the promise was given that if they repented, some day a Saviour would come who would save them.

And on that first Christmas that Saviour was born. Jesus came to be the Light of the World, to fulfill all that had been promised by all the Torchbearers about whom we have learned.

Jesus' great work was to save the people from their sins. To this He gave all He was, all He had, Himself.

The Torch was held high by Him until all men who wanted to hear His message might come to Him and hear it.

And Jesus came not only to bring this Light to the few men round about Him at that time, He came for all mankind, and when He said "I am the Light of the World" He meant that all nations and all people should know Him and that He came to bring salvation to all people.

In this we have a part. We have this light, we know the Heavenly Father and his Son, Jesus Christ, and it is for us to help send the word to all the world.

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September 19, 1926

"SOME DAY WE'LL BE SENIORS" (PROMOTION DAY)

Luke 2:52

(This is a Luther League topic. The opening of the fall season is a good time to promote the Juniors who have reached the age of 12 into an Intermediate League. If you have no Intermediate League, organize one. The continuous, three department, program of the League completely carried out means the best Senior League. Make this a public meeting, and

invite the parents, the Intermediates and the Senior League. It may be held in the evening. Have the Topic as given below given, and follow by the Promotion Exercises.

Hymn.

Memory Verse—Luke 2:52. "And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man."

Introduction—By Junior as Leader. This verse gives us a picture of Jesus at the age of twelve. It is one we can well follow. We want to be like Jesus. Four Juniors will tell us how we can grow like Him.

First Junior (carrying school books)—"Jesus increased in wisdom." Jesus learned all the lessons of His times. Nothing escaped Him. We should be ready to learn.

We should make the most of our school books. Are they a task or a help?

Do we willingly obey our teachers?

Are we shirkers at our lessons, or do we do our best?

Do we play fair in the school yard and in the street?

Are we learning all we can out of school from books and pictures and nature and the things God has given us to make our minds grow?

All these things we must do if we want to grow like Jesus in wisdom.

Second Junior (carrying tennis racket, foot ball, or other play apparatus)—"Jesus increased in stature." He grew physically.

Juniors must do all they can to make and keep their bodies strong and well.

Sleep, with lots of fresh air, is needed.

Good wholesome food, and milk, is needed also.

Games and play will keep us healthy.

Long hikes help.

All these are needed, if we want to "Increase in stature."

Third Junior (carrying a Cross, made of cardboard)—"Jesus increased in favor with God." Jesus was found in the Temple when He was twelve.

So boys and girls should be at work in their Father's House.

They should be in church regularly.

They should read their Bibles. They should pray.

They should be workers in Junior League.

They should be ready to do any work given them there to do.

So Juniors may grow "in favor with God."

Fourth Junior (carrying flowers)—"And Jesus increased in favor with man."

Juniors should grow like Jesus in a social way, too.

They should make friends with the other Juniors.

They should be ready to take part and help in the social meetings.

They should take good times to others, carry flowers to the sick, help to arrange good times for others, send gifts to needy ones.

There are many ways in which Juniors can grow socially "in favor with man."

Leader—I am sure we will all want to do these things. These plans will give us enough work to do for the whole year's League meetings.

Let us all bow our heads, and ask that we, too, may grow as did the boy Jesus, "in wisdom, in stature, and in favor with God and man."

Sentence Prayers—By Juniors that they may carry out some of the plans given above.

Promotion Exercises—Secure from the office of the Luther League of America the Promotion or Graduation Exercises leaflet—two cents—giving a complete service for the graduating of the Juniors into the Intermediate society.

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September 26, 1926

WHAT PLANS HAVE WE FOR OUR SOCIETY?

(A Rally Meeting)

1 Cor. 15:58

Hymn—Work for the Night Is Coming.

Memory Verse—1 Cor. 15:58.

Leader (one of the Juniors)—Today we are to hear about the work of the Junior League, and make plans for this year's work.

The Verse we have just learned is a good motto; let us take it as our motto for the year, and do our best in all our work, knowing that we are working for the Lord.

We shall hear from the officers and the Committees, each one telling us what they want us to do to help them in their plans.

President—My work is to preside at the meetings and to help plan the work with the Superintendent.

We are planning to make our League a Bigger and Better League this year than ever before.

We shall have some interesting meetings, some good socials, some fine missionary plans.

We want every member to help, take part in the meetings, bring new members, help in all we plan to do.

Vice-President—I take charge of the meetings when the President is absent, help plan the work with the Superintendent and President, and have charge of the committees.

If you are on a committee, won't you help?

When there is a committee meeting, be sure to come.

Secretary—My work is to keep the roll and write the minutes. I have all the letters of the society to write also.

I also have to announce the meetings.

Who will help me make posters and put up notices of the meetings?

Treasurer—I look after the money.

This year we have two big things to do.

Each Junior League is asked to help contribute to the $500 Special Junior Objective, for Andhra Christian College.

And each League is asked to take out a Five Dollar Sustaining Membership to help all the work of the Luther League of America.

Have we done this yet? If not, cannot we do so before the year is over?

Educational Secretary—My biggest work is to look after the Junior Reading Course. These six books are to be read by each Junior. If you have not read them, see me after the meeting and learn where to get the books. How many have read all of them? How many have read four? How many two?

There is a National Junior Reading Contest, too, in which each Junior League is taking part. Shall we help in this?

Five points is given for reading each book. Each League that has every member reading every book will receive a Picture. I am sure you want to be a 100 per cent. League. Each Junior reading the Course will receive a Reading Course Certificate.

And a banner will be awarded at the next convention to the state having the largest number of Juniors reading the Course. Let's help our State win that banner.

Missionary Secretary—A good motto for my department is Psalm 96:1-3 (reads it).

We are planning to make our missionary meetings just as interesting as can be.

Then we should have a Junior Mission Study Class, too. "Better Americans" or "Building the Americas" are both good. Shall we plan for that?

Life Service Secretary—We are planning to have two special meetings this year, one when we shall have the Pastor talk about what it means to be a servant of the Lord and preach the Gospel, and another when we shall have a Deaconess tell us about her work.

Will we be sure to have a good attendance at those meetings?

Devotional Committee—We are planning for better meetings this year than we have ever had. The Topics are just as interesting as can be, and we are planning to have everybody take part in the meetings and make them interesting. Will you do your part? Will you take part whenever you are asked? Will you speak loudly, so all may hear? Will you listen attentively to all that is said?

Then what about Daily Bible Reading? We want every member reading his Bible every day. Do you?

And prayer. We want as a special part of our work to learn to pray. Will you help in the sentence prayers in Junior League? Will you pray at home? A good verse for our work is Dan. 6:10 (reads).

Membership Committee—Help me get more members. Suppose we divide the League into five groups, the Blacks, Reds, Whites, Blues and Golds, and see which group can have the largest number of new members by Christmas. Let us have good attendance at the meetings, too (reads Heb. 10:25).

Music Committee—Let us have better music in the League. Let us all join in singing. Those who can should be ready to help when we have special music, and sing solos, and in duets. Can any of us play the piano, the violin? Then let us help at some of the meetings. Perhaps we can organize a Junior choir.

Sunshine Committee—We are planning to help others this year. Acts 3:6-8 gives us a good story of helping others (reads). Can we not send some Thanksgiving cheer to some one? What about a Christmas box to some who need it? Can we not send cards to some sick and shut-ins? How about sending flowers?

Social Committee—We are busy planning for some good times. Wouldn't it be fine to have a Hallowe'en Party? And what about a Christmas Social? Couldn't we have a party, too, for some children that do not have so many good times? If we are going to have these good times, each one must help.

Leader—If we carry out even part of these plans, we will have a Bigger and Better Junior League.

There is just one word which will tell us how we may carry them out—that word is C-O-O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N, operating, working; co, with—working to gether or with one another. Shall we have a Bigger and Better League?

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Why not plan a Rally at this time with the nearby Junior Leagues. Write to the District Junior Secretary, or invite the Leagues near you, to come to your church. Invite also the Juniors of any churches not having Junior Leagues, as visitors.

Have a short program something like this:

Opening.

Hymn—I Think, When I Read that Sweet Story of Old.

Prayer.

Scripture—Christ Blessing the Children, read by Junior.

Reciting of 23rd Psalm.

Roll Call—Of Junior Leagues.

(Award a Picture or a Book to the Junior League having the largest number present.)

Greetings—From Senior Leaguers or District officers.

Program by Juniors.

(Ask each Junior League to furnish one number on the program. It may be music, recitation, Bible Drill, story told, or one of the following exercises which may be ordered from the Luther League Headquarters.)

"Even These Little Ones" (Junior Pageant).

The Church Seasons.

Why a Junior League?

Wanted! A Junior Leader!

Pantomime——"My Faith Looks Up to Thee."

Dramatization—"Story of Queen Esther."

Luther's Coat of Arms.

"Here I Stand"—dramatization.

Tableau—"Fling Out the Banner."

Dramatization—"The Parable of the Ten Virgins."

Books of the Bible Exercise.

Dramatization—"Parable of the Unmerciful Servant."

Dramatization—"Story of the Good Samaritan."

Dramatizations — "Abraham," "Moses," "Joseph."

Junior Rally Hymn.

Closing Devotions.

Story Hour.

Games.

Refreshments.

It might be a fine thing to divide the Juniors and have a meeting for officers, one for secretaries and one for committees, and use the material given under the topic and exchange ideas as to what each League is doing.

THE LEAGUE IN PORTO RICO

A District Convention in Maracayo.

Courtesy Lutheran Woman's Work

This Junior League can smile. They also tell us of "coming years" when they take leadership in League and Church.

A Story

A CHINESE HIAWATHA

The hot sun beat into the schoolroom. From one corner came the low hum of the class in geography, from the other the droning of the children repeating the multiplication table. Through the window the

teacher could see the orange groves stretching away under the quivering sunlight of the California sun. Out of the stillness came the pop of shotguns and the cries of the guardians of the rice below in the marshes.

"By the shores of Gitche Gumi
By the shining big sea water"—

—the class in literature was reciting now. The teacher moved the bottle of wilted flowers to one side and saw that Ah Hop was not studying. He was sitting still and wistfully gazing straight before him. The teacher knew what he was looking at. On a pedestal, above the zone of chalk dust sat the plaster cast of Longfellow, the Children's Poet. Some teacher had left it long ago for an inspiration.

"Ah Hop," called the teacher.

He shuffled up, abashed, hands busy with his belt.

"You've tried hard for the part," she said pushing aside her book. "Why don't you want to be Hiawatha? What made you change your mind?"

He darted a swift look at her and then gazed down, silent.

They were giving a play made from the story of Hiawatha. Of all the children in the school Ah Hop had but one rival for the leading part. This was Ah Pau. They were both bright little Chinese boys and both good actors, and they both wanted to be Hiawatha. But they were the most listless in the schoolroom and the most mischievous on the school ground, so as a reward for good conduct the teacher had said the one who tried hardest to live the part of Hiawatha for a week could play it for one evening. Ah Hop tried much the hardest.

"I think the costume will fit," said the teacher. She had made it hoping that Ah Hop would be the one to wear it.

He made no answer, but his black eyes filled with tears, and he looked out of the sun-lit window. Again through the silence came the crack of the guns and the long shrill cries of the guardians of the rice.

"Hiawatha, him too good," he said at last.

"Why?" asked the teacher.

"He never hurt birds. I have to hurt birds so that the rice crop will not be eaten up. They tell me to shoot and I shoot."

"Never mind, Ah Hop," said the teacher, "you didn't want to hurt them." She had not expected that he would take the part in the little play so seriously.

Next day his downcast face appeared at the teacher's desk. Ah Hop's eyes were sullen. His shirt was torn and black with mud. It was clear that he had been beaten by the rice field guards. His sentences were short and uncomfortable.

"No can be Hiawatha."

The teacher put the stopper in the ink bottle. "Why not?"

"I swore."

"Oh, Ah Hop!"

She was very sorry for this little Chinese boy, who was trying to be good and to know how to become an American.

"Hiawatha never swore. The guardian of the rice told me to shoot the birds that were carrying away the grain. I told him it was wrong to kill blackbirds. He struck me. I swore at him."

The teacher suddenly had an inspiration. Anything was swearing with the foreign children.

"What did you say, Ah Hop?"

He turned and looked at the bust of Longfellow and sobbed, "I said, 'Beat it.'"

The teacher did not laugh. Such must not be made a joke. So she comforted him, and as he turned to go back to his seat he carried under his arm the Hiawatha costume.—*Anon.*

Methods

PREPARING TO LEAD

How easy it is to ask one person to prepare a paper on the Topic and read it at the meeting, and call that the study of the Topic! How much better to have half a dozen people read the Daily Bible Readings, six more, after they have read over the Topic write-up in the REVIEW each give *in their own words* a paragraph from the same. Several more may read the Quotations in the Topics Booklet. A five minute talk by the leader may be next in order. Discussion follows. Have questions prepared and distributed the week before, or facts concerning the Topic, one for each member, and use these as the basis of discussion. Do not just pass these out as "clippings," and have folks read them, but vary the way in which they are presented. On the meeting nearest to Valentine Day they may be written on red hearts. Pasted on cards on which flowers have been pasted they form a bouquet of flowers. A spray of Japanese cherry blossoms can be used at your Japanese meet

ing, by wrapping the slips of paper about the stems of cherry boughs, which you can buy at the five and ten cent store. Then close your meeting with sentence prayers, everyone participating. Serve your League Topics in courses.

Do not depend on just a faithful two or three to present the Topic. Press into service those members who have special talents, and those from the congregation in general. Is there some one who can recite well? See that frequently she is given a poem to read bearing on the Topic. Have the soloist of the choir come to League and sing. Ask some of the women of the missionary society to talk or read a leaflet at the missionary meetings. Have the Intermediates come and "put on" a debate on the Topic (one is suggested for every topic in the Quarterly). Have one of them impersonate the person talked about in the Topic, telling the story in the first person. Bring the Juniors now and then to the meeting. Have them serve as a Junior choir at some meetings. Let them represent the children of foreign lands at the missionary meetings. Have them give the explanation of the League emblem. Have them from time to time give one of the many exercises which can be secured from League headquarters. This furnishes the relishes and the dessert of your meal.

Do not serve "tin can" meals. On Sunday evenings in our home, when every member of the family is not always at home, we serve "tin can" meals! We open a can of cheese, a bottle of olives, a box of crackers, a tin of fish, or the makings of a salad, and presto! we have a meal. When the can opener begins to work in the kitchen we know in a few minutes supper will be served. But the result is not always so satisfactory. Some League meetings are just like that. The leader just takes the material in the REVIEW, the Topics booklet, and the *Lutheran,* and just cutting it out as it is, has one paragraph after another presented, just as it comes. The can opener in this case is a scissors, and the League suffers badly from clippitis. Instead of just serving the Topic as it is, why not try to garnish it up a bit? Add something original here and there. Have some interesting bit of information which you have come across in your reading interposed into your program. Have envelopes with the names of the Topics printed on them at hand, and in them slip from time to time some interesting plans and some interesting outside information which you can find in the course of your reading. Use this in your meetings. Have the material in the helps told in their own words by the ones participating, not read. Apply the material to your own local League. If the Topic happens to be about our orphan homes, take up the orphan home nearest you, and then make some definite plans for helping there. Do not serve "tin can" programs.

Do not serve "Hash." Some Leagues have meetings where a few thoughts often repeated in the meetings and of long standing, a favorite hymn or two, several familiar Bible passages, and a stereotyped prayer —the same one always used, are all thrown together promiscuously, without any thought of their correlation, or bearing on the Topic, and it is called a meeting! Do not put things into your meeting just because it is easy to do so, and do not put in things which have no relation to the rest of the program. Let every number contribute something to the Topic.

Plan carefully a program that is varied, that has a large number participating, that has some originality in its make-up, and you will have no trouble "making the Topics interesting."

Why Worry? Ask!

ASK UNCLE AMOS

Why was the Social Department left out of the REVIEW? *Isn't it important to help the locals in their social programs?*

The only reason it was left out (and ever will be left out), is summed up in one word *space.* I had to leave something out and thought the locals could find helps for Socials in other directions, including books like "Handy" while some of the other material could be found no other place. I believe every local should have a social program. Absolatively and posolutely!

When you get $5000 from the U. L. C. A. why should you ask for Sustaining Memberships?

We received this grant on the understanding we would take over Boys' Work and employ a Secretary. In other words it costs us about as much as we receive to set up this department, with Rev. Mr. Wolf as Secretary. Our budget is $20,000. $5,000 comes from the U. L. C. A. and $5,000 from dues. The rest must come from the S. M. Figure it out for yourself.

Our Church Council is always picking on

the young folks. It is hard to keep them in line. They feel that the older members of the Congregation do not care for them. Can you suggest anything we young folks can do to remedy this situation?

When there is misunderstanding you can pretty well guess that all the right is not on one side. It is true that some Church Councils do not rightly estimate the worth of their young folks. Neither do the young folks appreciate the service their elders are continually doing for their Church. Why not have a social for the League. Invite as special guests the Council. Have a gift for the Church and present it formally to the Council as from the young folks to their Church. A Service Shield, for instance. This will help. Show the Council the young folks are right behind them and they will wake up to the fact that their young folks can not be neglected. Use the well worn principle that to make a friend, do something for him or get him to do something for you. Apply this to your own local situation.

I have always wanted to be a missionary. Recently my father died and I must support my mother. Is that a sign from God that I am not to go?

It may be. Certainly your first duty is to care for mother. But God does not want you just to stay home. If this is His plan for you He wants you to find an opportunity for service right where you live. Perhaps you can influence some young man or woman to go as a missionary. Certainly you can give to help send others. Find your big opportunity for service right at home.

I have just about finished with League work. I have been working hard in our League for two years. This year I was chairman of the committee for the play. I never got a word of thanks although it was a big success. Then this spring when we elected officers I was nominated against a fellow who never did do a thing for the League. He was elected. He didn't deserve it and I did.

You have the wrong idea about service in the League. It is not for the sake of your fellow Leaguers but for the sake of Christ. The only reward you must expect to get is from Him. He knows and is pleased at faithful service and that ought to be reward enough. Keep smilingly ready to serve wherever your services are needed and you will get better rewards than election to office.

Should the dues be taken from the treasury or be paid by the individuals? How should the money for missionary contributions be secured?

It seems proper to take dues out of the treasury as active members help to create the treasury. Free-will offerings, the sacrifice of personal pleasures with consequent savings, donation of a day's salary are, of course, most acceptable ways. Group efforts in socials where a fair return is given for money expended may be used where the Church consciousness allows it but the higher and better methods ought always to be urged and tried first.

Conventions

RIVALS

We shall be anxious to discover whether Baltimore or Washington won on the challenge to bring a 100 per cent. representation to the Maryland Convention, July 20th. Paul Brindle, President of the D. C. District tells us his delegation will be led by Messrs. Enthusiasm and Pep. Having been with that Washington gang the Editor believes him!

CONVENTION DATES

Pacific N.W., August 20-22, Centralia, Wash.
Kansas, August 23-28, Lutheran Camp.
Virginia, August 25-28, Bluefield, W. Va.
Nebraska, August 29-31, North Platte.
North Carolina, August 31-September 2, China Grove.
South Carolina, September 1-3.
New Jersey, September 5-6, Camden.
Wisconsin, September 17-19, Milwaukee.
Connecticut, October 10-12, Waterbury.

ANNOUNCING!

The GREAT STATE convention in New Jersey, Sept. 4-5-6, 1926.

At Christ Church Fairview, Camden. Theme, W O R K .

Program to include directed tour, Sat. 2:30 P.M., New bridge "Sesqui." Philadelphia and Camden. Supper and reception in evening.

Sunday—Inspiration Day—Holy Communion, keynote sermon, Jr. demonstration, chalk talk, and discussion groups.

Monday "WORK" Reports, business, discussions, addresses, election.

Never-to-be-forgotten Labor Day banquet at "Walt Whitman," 7 P.M.

Stunts, songs, cheers, and Dr. Samuel W. Grafflin.

Closing "candle light" installation.

Register NOW! Miss Vogel, Registrar, 1478 B'way Camden, N. J.

NOVA SCOTIA LUTHER LEAGUE CONVENTION

It was the Junior Secretary's privilege to attend the convention of the Luther League of Nova Scotia. She understands now why Longfellow wrote, "This is the forest primeval." We saw more Christmas trees during our week's stay than we ever saw in our life before. In other sections the fertile valleys are filled with apple orchards, one after another, until there seems no end to the apple trees.

The country is one of great natural beauty. Bright blue skies, lakes and bays everywhere, wide sandy beaches stretching down to the sea, and hills, hills everywhere, in the background, makes the journey through the country a most picturesque one.

The customs of the land are quite quaint. For the most part life is most primitive. Fishing and farming are still carried on as in the days of yore. Oxen teams are found everywhere. We saw the sailing of the fishing fleet from the harbor at Lunenberg, the boats leaving June first to be gone until September. We saw cod everywhere being dried and prepared for the market. We saw the lobster traps. We watched salt brought from the West Indies, for the drying of the fish, being unloaded.

We noted the quaint houses. Mostly of frame, brightly painted, with queer little square chimneys, against a background of hills and green pine trees, they make a pretty picture.

But of course it was the churches in which we were particularly interested. Mostly wooden, too, painted most attractively, with high spires, they stand out against the sky as landmarks. The church at Lunenberg is the oldest Lutheran church in Nova Scotia. At Bridgewater, Mahone Bay and Rose Bay we found substantial edifices and congregations. At Halifax we found a fine building and sturdy congregation, rejoicing in the installation of a beautiful new window and a special lighting system. In Halifax we also saw "the little Dutch Church" and St. Paul's, now Anglican, lost to us because for a season no Lutheran pastor could be secured.

In all of these churches we were agreeably surprised and delighted with the high type of Lutheranism which prevails. We found the arrangement of chancel and altar in all cases entirely Lutheran the Common Service Book is used, the choir and pastor are vested, and the full Lutheran service is used. We attended a Communion service, and found the whole service rendered complete and correct in every detail.

The Church has peculiar problems in Nova Scotia. Especially is the problem of leadership among the young people a difficult one. The land is one of undeveloped resources rather than of great possibilities at the present time, and the majority of the people have been prone to leave well enough alone and go along in the same way that several generations have gone. The young people who do get a vision of greater things—those are generally found in the Luther Leagues—see no chance for furthering their hopes and ambitions and leave to take up work where life is not so difficult and success more rapid.

It was our pleasure to meet every Lutheran pastor in Nova Scotia. Too much credit cannot be given to these messengers of the Cross who are holding their own in this field. Almost all have several parishes to care for, one pastor has six. It takes heroism to press on in face of some of the conditions. But they are going forward. And we also want to say a word in praise of that oft unsung heroine, "the lady of the parsonage," the pastor's wife, who we found without exception sharing the burden and problems of her husband.

But we started to tell of the Luther League convention. It was held in Mahone Bay, on June 4, and was a most interesting convention indeed.

We did not expect to find a large body, but were agreeably surprised at the large number of delegates. The church was comfortably filled during the day, and at the evening session was crowded. Twenty-seven came sixty miles in the "Evangeline Bus" from Halifax, and the other Leagues were well represented. Every pastor was present. (A good representation from every League, headed by the pastor, would be a pretty good goal for *any* Luther League convention, would it not?)

The morning was devoted to business, and was opened by devotions in charge of the Rev. Mr. E. V. Nonamaker, pastor loci. Mr. Ernst, of the local League made an address of welcome, and the response was given by the President of the Nova Scotia League, Mr. S. M. Zinck. The last convention was reported in an interesting way by the secretary, Miss Helen Wentzell. The report of the President showed progress during the past year. Reports showed an increase in amounts given for benevolence.

The great hospitality which is characteristic of the Nova Scotia folks was shown in the entertainment of the delegates both for the noonday and evening meal in the homes of members of the congregation.

At the afternoon session items of business again took up the major portion of the time. The opening worship period was conducted by the Rev. Mr. George Innes, of Wentzell's Lake.

Some of the most important items of discussion were:

A vote to assume the quota of $100 assigned for the Administration Building of Andhra Christian College, to be paid before the end of next year. (When we wrote of this to Mr. Dittmer, we could just hear him say "It's a great thing to be a Luther Leaguer"!). This action is almost heroic on the part of our good Nova Scotia Leaguers when we consider that there are but five or six active Leagues, and that in addition they make an annual contribution of $200 to another Fund, beside supporting their own local work.

A vote to continue the Annual Student Fund of $200, to be applied in helping some of the students at Waterloo, who otherwise might not be able to continue their studies for the ministry.

A decision to do nothing in the matter of our 'teen age Leaguers affiliating with outside organizations such as Boy Scouts, etc., until that time when the Intermediate League can be stressed and its program adopted.

The last fifteen minutes of the afternoon session was given over to a talk by the Junior Secretary who gave some practical methods under the head "Some Best Luther League Meetings and How They Were Held." (Some of these were Junior League meetings, you may be sure!)

The Grand Rally or evening service was opened with vespers in charge of the Rev. Mr. George Endy. The Rally Address was delivered by the Rev. Mr. L. F. Hartzell, of Lunenberg. Special music by Leaguers of Lunenberg and Mahone Bay was a feature. This was followed by an address by the Junior Secretary, who spoke on the five departments of our Luther League—Education, Missions, Life Service, Intermediate and Junior—and the convention closed with the singing of the Luther League Rally Hymn.

Through the whole convention we were impressed with the serious way in which the young people approached all their problems, we were pleased with their fine spirit of loyalty and sacrifice for their Church and League.

The following officers were elected: President, S. M. Zinck, Bridgewater; Vice-President, Rev. Mr. L. F. Hartzell, Lunenberg; Secretary, Helen Wentzell, Bridgewater; Treasurer, Douglass Conrad, Halifax; Statistical Secretary, Etta Smeltzer, Mahone Bay.

THE GREATEST LUTHER LEAGUE CONVENTION

NEW YORK STATE LUTHER LEAGUE HAS 739 REGISTERED DELEGATES AT NIAGARA FALLS; HAS UNIQUE PROGRAM MANAGED BY YOUNG PEOPLE; "OVERSUBSCRIBES" ALL MISSIONARY OBJECTIVES.

C. C. Dittmer

The Luther League of New York State set out to have at Niagara Falls, May 30-June 1, the "greatest Luther League Convention ever held in America," and it more than accomplished its objective; 739 registered delegates from all parts of the Empire State were in attendance. The Luther Leaguers of Brooklyn and Long Island, New York City and Westchester County chartered a special train on the Lehigh Valley Railroad and 154 of them traveled twelve hours so that they could be present at the Convention. The St. James Luther League, Woodhaven, of which Rev. Mr. Raymond E. Finehout is the pastor, received the trophy representing the largest number of delegates traveling the largest total mileage. The cup trophy of the contest between the Syracuse and Genesee Valley Districts went to Syracuse which had 114 delegates to Roches-

ter's 104. The Genesee Valley District, which includes Rochester, is the newest District in the State League.

Our Visitors

There were three outstanding observations that were made by those who were present: 1. It was a convention managed entirely by young people, both pastors and laymen. Grey hairs, beards and bald heads were almost entirely absent. 2. There was a loyalty on the part of the delegates that won the admiration even of those who didn't think that the youth of the Church would attend the sessions so faithfully and so conscientiously, especially in a place like Niagara Falls where there were so many scenic attractions. 3. The sessions started and ended on scheduled time. Every address, every discussion group, and every simultaneous conference was scheduled and began at the time set for it in the program. All of the discussions were full of life and showed earnest conviction on the part of those who took part. At no time was it necessary to rule that those who took part must confine themselves briefly to a two-minute limit, for the spirited discussions on the programs and problems of the League were full of the enthusiasm which so characterizes the Luther League of New York State.

Great Addresses

The Convention was fortunate, too, in having Dr. A. A. Zinck, President of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Waterloo, Canada, for the opening keynote address on the convention theme, "I am the Way," and in having Dr. Rees Edgar Tulloss for the closing keynote address on "The Way to a Larger Life." Both of these men spoke with conviction and in a way that challenged the young people to the larger life and service. One could not help speaking inspiringly to that large auditorium of Zion Lutheran Church crowded through the vestibule and choir lofts with those who were present and who had come a half-hour earlier to secure seats in the main auditorium.

Unique Features

The unique features of the Convention, however, were: 1. Intelligent guidance of the song services and singing under the direction of Rev. Mr. John Hassler, of Philadelphia. Two hymnals were used —The Common Service Book and the Hymnal for American Youth. It was an inspiration merely to listen to the earnestness expressed in song. 2. There was a scarcity of many long addresses. The main addresses were given by Dr. A. A. Zinck, Dr. A. R. Steck, of Carlisle, Pa.; Rev. Mr. A. J. Traver, General Secretary of the Luther League of America; and Dr. R. E. Tulloss. 3. There was a half-hour given to a discussion group under the direction of Rev. Mr. William M. Horn, Student Pastor at Cornell University, on "Young People's Life-Work Problems," for which questions had been submitted in advance and printed in the program. Questions as to the "call" to the ministry and diaconate, opportunities for life service as a vocation and as an avocation, secular occupations, problems of marriage relating to life work, were included in the discussion. 4. There were two periods given to the group discussion of the "Fifteen Point Program" on which the Luther League work of the State League is built, under the direction of Mr. Clarence C. Dittmer, Treasurer, Luther League of America, and Miss Gladys J. Hayner, State Chairman, Fifteen Point Committee. Every effort was made to bring out the varieties of work which are open to young people organized in the Luther League in the local congregation, as the right-hand aid of the pastor, in the local community, in the home, inner and foreign missionary fields. There was a deep-seated earnestness and spirited discussion during these periods on what constitutes daily reading of the Bible. It was inspiring to listen to these future lay leaders of the Church advocate in no uncertain terms that daily reading of the Bible means *Daily Bible Reading.* The marked increase throughout the State League in daily Bible readers foretells a more consecrated and intelligent lay leadership in the future. 5. The great volume of business was first prepared by four convention committees of nine members each, which met on Monday noon for luncheon and prepared the convention business for discussion at the business sessions. In that way it was possible to condense six hours of business items into two and a half hours during the entire convention. 6. There were opportunities, too, afforded for sight-seeing at the close of the sessions and for a banquet, which because of the large attendance was held in the Niagara Falls Armory. Here was the real playtime of that great convention, for all the delegates clad in new dresses and clothes donned their paper caps —dignitaries, pastors, laymen and Leaguers—sang their rally songs, conducted their District stunts, gave their cheers until the Armory vibrated under the volume of the cheering. Even the twenty fraternal delegates from Canada added their volume of voices when the "Star Spangled Banner" and "God Save the King" were sung by the delegates. The Shredded Wheat Company Radio Band furnished the music for the occasion. 7. A special lighting of Niagara Falls had been arranged for Monday evening, but because of the dense fog and mist at the Falls the illumination could not penetrate the mist. Rain, too, spoiled the grounds at Goat Island for the picnic on Tuesday afternoon, but the delegates showed their resourcefulness in holding an indoor picnic under the direction of Mrs. S. T. Peterson of Chicago. Here again the interestedness of the Leaguers showed itself because a great many questions were asked and demonstrations of socials, stunts, hikes, etc., were called for. As one leader of the Church expressed it: "One can't tell what these Leaguers can do until they are called upon to do it!" 8. Method periods for all phases of the League work were conducted by Mrs. S. T. Peterson on "Fifty Ways to Put Vim and Pep into an Inactive Luther League"; by Rev. Mr. Robert J. Wolf, Intermediate Secretary of the Luther League of America on "The Things You Don't Know About Intermediates"; by Sister Pearle Lyerly, on "The Fascination of Junior Luther League Work"; simultaneous conferences on "How Can I Put the Best into My League" by Miss Lillie S. Seel, of Buffalo, on "The Devotional"; Miss J. Dorthy Borgstede, of New York City, on "The Missionary"; Mrs. S. T. Peterson, of Chicago, Ill., on "The Social"; and Rev. Mr. H. H. Wall, of Hudson, on "The Business." 8. There were represented in the Convention: Canada by twenty delegates; India, by Prof. Rajah B. Manikam, who addressed a missionary luncheon during the convention and who presented greetings from the Youth of India; the Ohio League by Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Lutz; the Connecticut League by Mr. E. C. French, Missionary Secretary of the Connecticut League; the Maryland Synod League by Mr. and Mrs. John W. Martin, of Washington, and Sister Madeline Schaefer, of Baltimore; Virginia League by Miss Thelma V. Graham; Pennsylvania by several delegates, etc. 9. The music, too, was unique because both Mrs. Charles Commerford, the organist, and Mr. Felix Hartwig, director, had trained the large Zion Lutheran Church choir to sing several anthems unaccompanied. 10. The Convention published three daily four-page issues of "The Niagara Roar" under the editorship of Mr. Edward B. Fernschild, Vice-President, which enabled the various Leaguers to take home with them in printed form the synopsis of the addresses. convention business, etc. 11. The Convention closed with a candle-light installation service under the direction of Sister Pearle Lyerly, carrying out in formation the Luther League Emblem.

Officers

The officers were re-elected as follows:

President: Rev. Mr. Christian P. Jensen, Syracuse
Vice-President: Mr. Edward B. Fernschild, New Rochelle
Corresponding Secretary: Miss Irene C. Schaefer Westwood, N. J.
Recording Secretary: Mrs. William Goetzmann Buffalo
Treasurer: Mr. Clarence C. Dittmer, Brooklyn
Three-Year Member of Executive Committee: Mr. Arthur S. Knoblock, Utica.

Missionary Work "Over-Subscribed"

In addition to a long missionary report listing some 148 ways in which the Leaguers are doing "definite missionary work" for inner, home and foreign missions, the Treasurer reported that the $1,000 required for the support of Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Heins and Baby Ruth, their own missionaries in Japan, had been again "over-subscribed." There was great rejoicing when it was announced that the Leaguers of New York State had "over-subscribed" their $4,000 quota toward the erection of the Administration Building at Andhra Christian College India, thus bringing the national League total to $14,800,

There was further rejoicing when it was announced that the President's home at the new Japan Lutheran Seminary in Tokyo (pictured on the front cover) had been completed and Rev. Mr. Nielsen, the President, was at present making good use of the house. The Leaguers had previously set out to raise $5,000 for it, but finally "over-subscribed" it by over $800.

All in all, it was a convention that was worth the $25,000 which it cost the delegates in railroad fares, hotel accommodations, and local convention arrangements. It was a convention that challenged the youth to larger things for Christ and His Kingdom; and it was felt with confidence that in the near future the 59 and more Luther Leaguers of the State who are at present in training for life service as a vocation, will be augmented by the active Leaguers who desire the "Way to a larger life."

RESOLUTIONS

Some of the more important of the twenty-three definite resolutions were:

2. We note with pleasure the spirit with which the Albany and Susquehanna District came to an agreement in the matter of realignment.

3. We note with considerable joy and gratitude the fact that our Andhra Christian College Administration Building quota was fully raised and we approve the recommendation of the President that an effort be made to reach the $5,000 goal for the Andhra Christian College which we have set for ourselves, as one of our objectives this coming year.

5. We approve the recommendation that regional divisions be made, and that we enter into such a regional division with the Luther Leagues of the States of Connecticut and New Jersey and we recommend to the Connecticut and New Jersey State Luther Leagues that each appoint a committee of two which shall meet with a committee appointed by the New York State Luther League, that ways and means may be found for such regional co-operation.

8. "Whereas, Mr. Clarence C. Dittmer, Treasurer of the Luther League of New York State and also Treasurer of the Luther League of America has evidently been working on William Carey's principle that he is doing secretarial work for a living, but his business is the Luther League, we would ask the convention to give Mr. Dittmer a rising vote of thanks and that a copy of this resolution be printed in the next issue of the *Mirror*.

10. We recommend that an extensive membership campaign throughout New York State be introduced, beginning September 1, 1926, and continuing through the State Convention of 1927. We have been, during the past year, majoring on the Andhra Christian College Administration Building. Since this goal has been quite largely accomplished, we feel that we ought to endeavor to enlarge the Luther League Membership.

12. We recommend that the Constitution be amended to read that the Luther League of schools, colleges and inner mission institutions receive a nominal assessment of $2.00, which will be considered as the dues for the organization. We recommend also that the necessary recommendation be presented to the Luther League of America.

17. We recommend that the Luther League of New York State become a Sustaining Member of the Luther League of America, through a contribution of $50 which is to be taken from the convention offering Tuesday evening.

18. Whereas the Luther League of New York State Convention of 1926 has been the largest ever held in this country, and

Whereas nothing has been left undone to make it an outstanding success, unique in Luther League history;

Be it Resolved that the Convention assembled give the Convention Committee, under the able and enthusiastic leadership of Mr. R. A. Wahl, an enthusiastic, smiling, rising vote of thanks and that this resolution be printed in the next issue of the *Mirror*.

21. We recommend that the Convention give to President Jensen for his whole-hearted service, a rising vote of thanks therefor, and that a letter be written to the Church Council of the Zion Lutheran Church, Syracuse, of which he is pastor, for the generous spirit in permitting its pastor to serve the Luther League of New York State in the way he has.

23. We recommend that an Honor Roll be established for all leagues holding weekly devotional meetings at least eight months of the year, and that this Honor Roll be published in the *Mirror*.

NEXT YEAR

Invitation for the 1927 Convention was given by the Syracuse District Luther League, which plans to work with the Syracuse Chamber of Commerce to make the 1927 Convention even larger and more worth-while.

We are in days when the youth of our Church is doing big things for the Church.

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GREENSBURG DISTRICT PENNSYLVANIA

The Annual Convention of the Greensburg District Luther League was held in First Church, Greensburg, Pa., June 23, 1926. The various local leagues in the District were well represented by delegates and visitors and Pastors.

The Convention Theme "OUR MOTTO" was given in its three parts, by papers, as follows:

"Of the Church," by Miss Elizabeth Keller, of Connellsville, Pa.;

"By the Church," by Miss Hazel Hoffman, of Irwin, Pa. Both of these were followed by discussion.

"For the Church," was given by Miss Esther E. Martin, Rochester, Pa., from the standpoint of the Junior, following which was a conference and discussion.

A beautiful solo was sung by Mrs. Morris J. Piper, of First Church, Greensburg, and a Reading was given by Miss Jean Temple, also of First Church.

Splendid reports from the National and State Conventions of last year were given respectively by Miss Marguerite Arnholt, Jeannette, Pa., and Mr. Oscar Nelson, Penn, Pa.

The Convention had a very happy surprise when Mr. M. Haller Frey, Executive Secretary of the Luther League of Pennsylvania, appeared in the Convention. He addressed the Convention upon various phases of the League work, and particularly on the Convention to be held at Reading July 13-15, 1926.

The following officers were elected:

President—Claire Hepler, Smithton, Pa.
1st Vice-President—Ralph E. Richey, Connellsville, Pa.
2nd Vice-President—Herbert Hoerr, Latrobe, Pa.
Recording Secretary, Miss Ellen Whitmore, Pa.
Treasurer-Statistician — Miss Marguerite Arnholt, Jeannette, Pa.

At the close of the afternoon session, a Good-Fellowship Hour was had in connection with and following the evening meal, at which time a splendid program of songs and readings was given by the visiting Leaguers, following which the League of First Church, Greensburg, gave a short play, entitled "A Perplexing Situation."

Six of the local Leagues had paid their Andhra Christian College quota in full; four of these were awarded Certificates; the other two not having paid in time to get Certificates before the Convention.

The Treasurer reported the District in good condition financially, with all dues paid to date.

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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

The semi-annual meeting of the Northern California Conference of Luther Leagues of the Northern California Synod was held the last Sunday in June at the St. John's Lutheran Church in Sacramento, California. Delegates were present from Berkeley, Oakland, Richmond, Fresno, and Sacramento; Rev. Mr. Charles F. Oehler, pastor of St. John's, presided over the devotional service and Karl G. Heine of Berkeley was selected president. Other officers elected to serve the coming year are Vice-President, Barbara Himes, Richmond; Recording Secretary, Viola Siebe, Oakland; Corresponding Secretary, Helen Schreiner, Sacramento; Treasurer, Gilbert Jacobson, Fresno.

Reports from each league represented were given and work and papers on district objectives and gains were read and discussed. A committee was appointed to prepare plans for a paper to be published by the conference. Mr. Howard Banks of Berkeley was named chairman.

Richmond Luther League, Miss Edith Kettlehut, President, was presented a beautiful banner for having the largest percentage of members present at this meeting.

First Lutheran Church, Fresno, and First Lutheran Church, Oakland, extended invitations for the convention to be held in September.

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A GREAT RECORD

We must quote, without permission, Dr. Knubel, when he told the Finance Committee of the U. L. C. A. that "the finances of the Luther League had been completely revolutionized." He spoke with evident pride and we listened with even more pride. He remembered those days gone by forever when in the League Treasury one had to reach up to touch bottom.

Note the honor roll of Leagues that have paid their dues in full. Connecticut, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Minnesota, New York, North Carolina, Nova Scotia, Southern California, South Carolina and Texas. This loyalty is glorious! You young folks of the Luther League respect the duties of membership in an organization. Some day all the local congregations will do as well with their apportionment.

A BLISSFUL LIFE!

Blackwelder-Lionberger. These names hyphenated in a Roanoke daily tell the world of the marriage of Rev. Mr. Oscar Blackwelder, one time missionary Secretary of the L. L. of A. to Geneve Lionberger. One and all we Leaguers say "A Blissful Life!"

WHY LIVE?

Agassiz who, when criticized for not amassing a fortune, replied, "I have too important work to do to spend my time making money."

A GOOD FATHER

The editor here pauses to give a word o tribute to "A Good Father," Rev. Prof. Joh G. Traver, D.D., just completing forty year as Principal and Professor at Hartwic Seminary, N. Y. Modest, loyal and in finitely kind my debt is payable to him onl in a coin which the world little value Young folks of the Luther League, a goo father is the richest inheritance life ca offer.

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Just Gossip

MINNESOTA

Seven young men expect to enter the ministry from St. John's, Minn.

Faith Lippard, now a missionary to Japan, is a Minnesota girl and the State League claims her as its own. Proud of her, too!

Richfield League is looking after the landscaping of the church lawn.

Trinity League, Lindstrom, has placed new lighting fixtures in their church.

MARYLAND

Our C. C. Dittmer visited the summer mee ing of Columbia District. President Brind says "Mr. Dittmer's pep and enthusiasm is th kind we like. He says we have pep here, eve have PEP on the telephone poles."

On July 4 the Washington Leaguers help celebrate the Sesquicentennial of the Georg town Lutheran Church, the first establish Christian Church in Washington.

ILLINOIS

NACHUSA is proud of its large membership of the older young folks from the Nachusa Orphanage. The president and secretary are from the home. A combination service is held Sunday evenings of the League and Vesper Services.

Illinois has been lending her A1 talent in many directions. Mrs. Peterson was at the New York Convention, the Indiana Convention and Gettysburg Summer School. Rev. Otterbein was also drafted for Indiana.

INDIANA

MUNCIE the Convention City is called the "Magic City." Wonder why?

Miss Mehlhouse made her time count on Indiana and Juniors are pushing ahead on the hop-skip-and-jump.

IOWA

The editor can spell Iowa but you have to be born there to pronounce it. It is just like Louisville.

"Rube" Lampe, editor of the *Iowa Index*, has started a letter writing contest. The subject is the place for the next convention and one can imagine how those Westerners jump at the chance to write about their town. Why not let "Herb" Fischer enter with a bid to Omaha?

In a report from Seven Leagues every one had a member in preparation for full time service.

KANSAS

"Bob" Wolf, our Intermediate man, has been spending a month at the Lutheran Camp, near Junction City. Had him most civilized and office-broke. Don't know what we will be able to do with him when he gets back!!

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NEBRASKA

Herbert Fischer, of Omaha, is the new treasurer of the League Hospice.

NEW YORK

GENESEE VALLEY DISTRICT held a prayer service for the State Convention just a few days before its meeting. Another reason and a big reason for a fine Niagara Convention!

OHIO

William Elliott, besides being a new father (congratulations, Bill) is also a poet. Get this one intended to stir up Ohio youth to go to Lakeside:

Every live Leaguer ought not to miss!
Let's have a bunch to go to this!
Save this date or go and hide!
Lakeside! Lakeside! Lakeside!

TOLEDO one year ago had no Junior League. Now they have five in prospect. Somebody has been working.

PENNSYLVANIA

NEVAN MELL held a great missionary pageant. It resulted in a new interest in missions on the part of every one who saw it. One youth writes that as a result he intends to be a missionary.

PHILADELPHIA, ST. SIMEON'S, held a block party this summer.

HARRISBURG, BETHLEHEM, Friend Kurzenknabe offers another idea. The Leaguers are asked to collect summer snapshots, "humorous, solemn, attractive, thrilling, punk or otherwise." These offer a fine social evening in the fall.

PENN, INTERMEDIATE—A bookreading contest resulted in the boys treating the girls. This League also supports a student in our Mission School, Liberia, Africa.

VIRGINIA

Annual promotion day was observed by the Boys' Intermediate Luther League of Trinity Lutheran Church, Newport News, Va., on May 30. The presentation of the pins in recognition of Merit System mastery occurred in the morning church service. Four boys received the Gold Rank pins, two the Blue Rank pins, and four the Red Rank pins. Inasmuch as these pins symbolized week by week test of spiritual, intellectual, physical and social development the presentation emphasized a worth-while activity. A week later the Gold Rank boys were formally inducted into the Senior Luther League.

It was intended to discontinue the Friday evening devotional meetings with their supplementary features, the last week of June. However, the boys themselves interposed objection so except during the time of the annual camp the meetings will be kept up until August.

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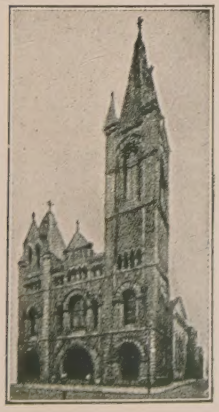

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